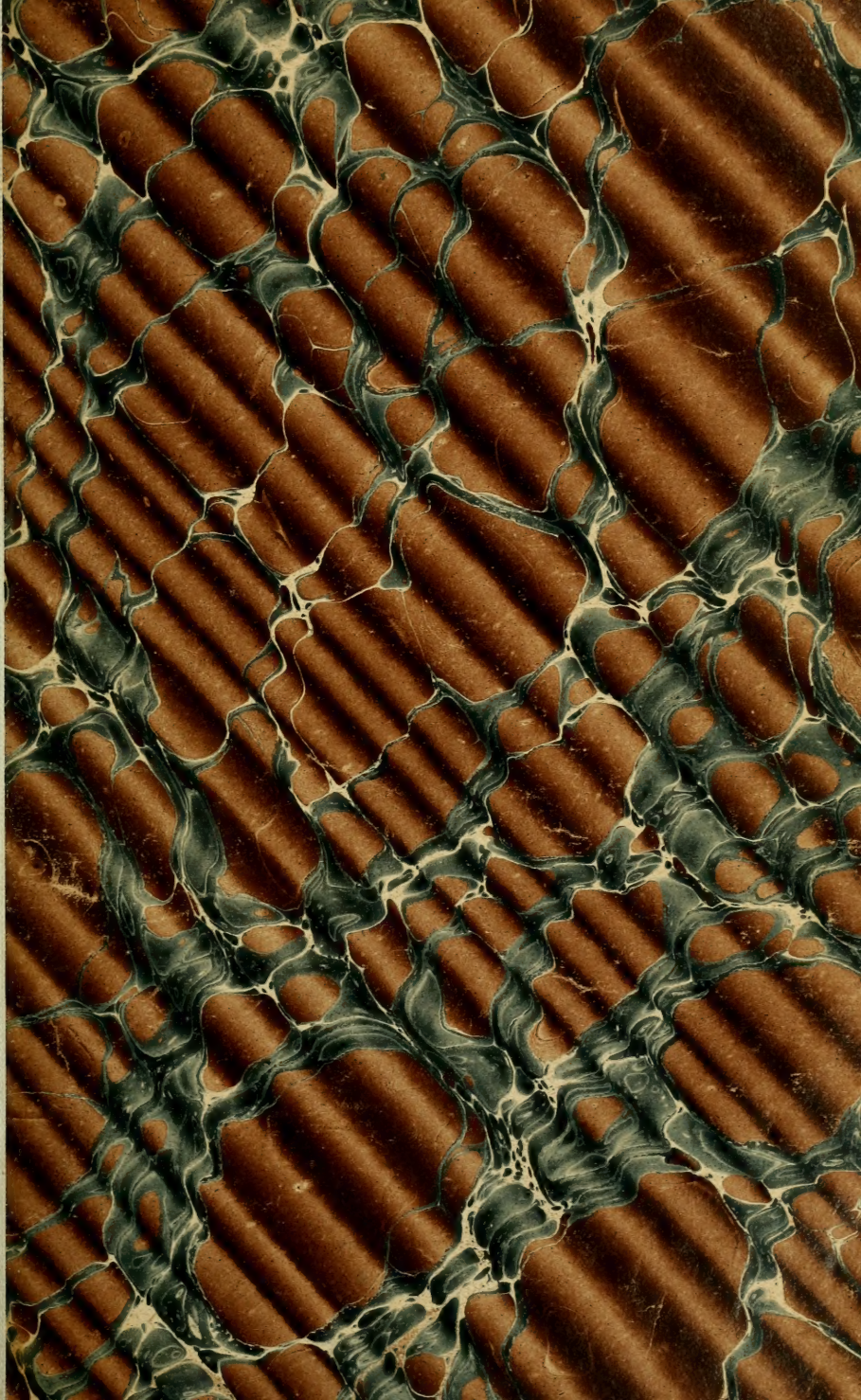


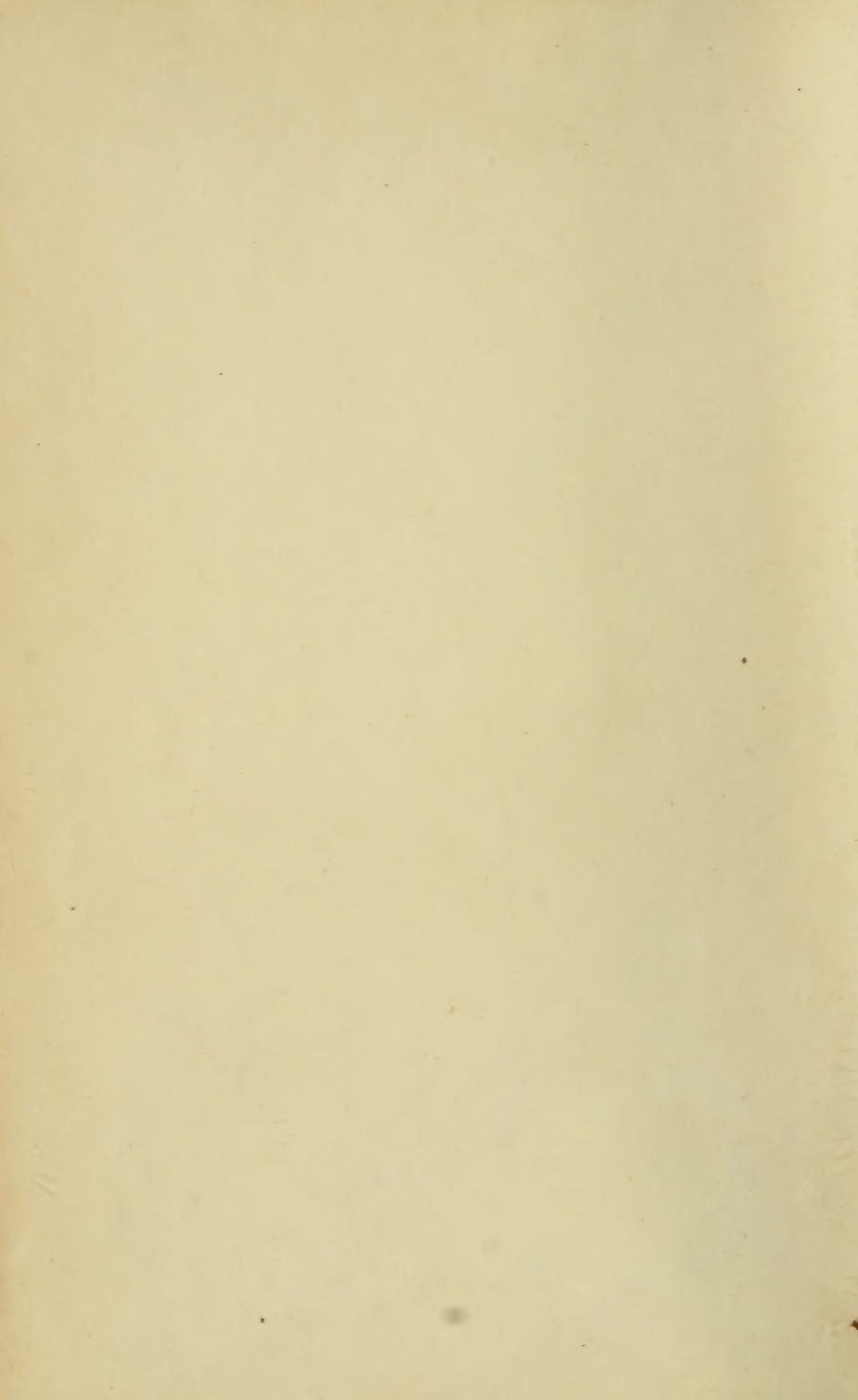


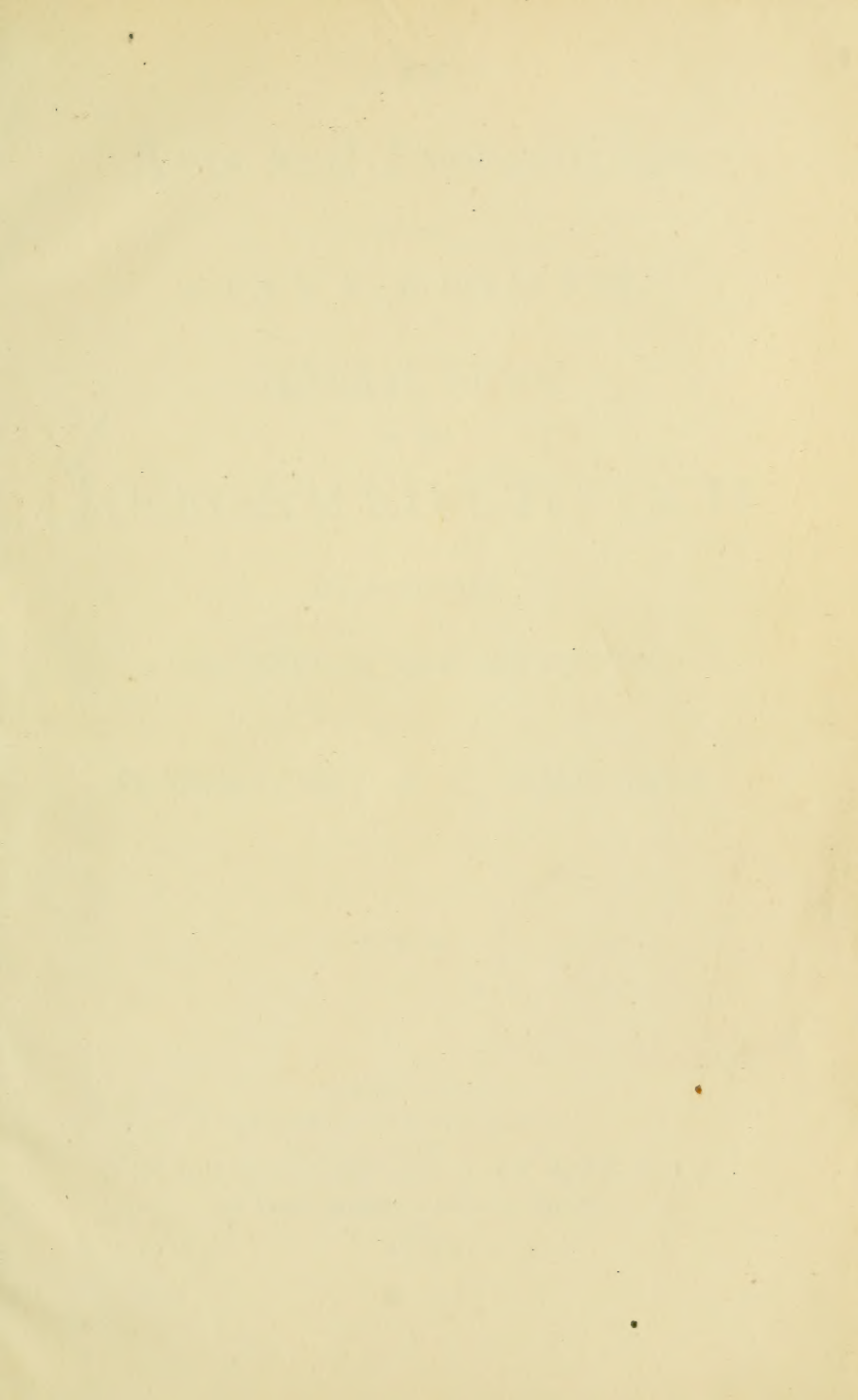
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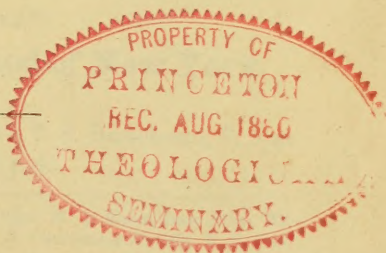
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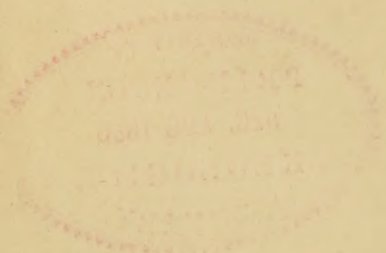
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CONVENED IN THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., ON WED-
NESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR, AND
ADJOURNED ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE, AT THE CLOSE OF
THE EVENING SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., the retiring President, at whose request, and by invitation of Synod, the Rev. Alexander R. Thompson, D.D., preached the Synodical sermon on the evening of the first day of the Session, from 2d Cor., 10. 5: "Casting down imaginations."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.*

From the Particular Synod of New York.

From the Classis of Arcot.—

From the Classis of Hudson.—*Ministers*, T. S. Dusingberre, P. Van Wyck, J. W. Schenck. *Elder*, D. S. Wright.

* *Arrived on the Second Day.*—*Ministers*, J. B. Alliger, H. D. Ganse, Isaac Riley, William B. Voorhees, John B. Steele, Alex. M. Mann, A. D. Campbell, S. T. Cole, S. H. Cobb, Wm. Pitcher, R. M. Stanbrough. *Elders*, Daniel V. Weeks, Jonathan Sturges, Andrew S. Schoonmaker, W. J. Bacon, John W. Patterson, Frederick Vedder, M. A. Mareness, C. Rhynsbarger, Lawrence Van Derveer, James Van Zandt.

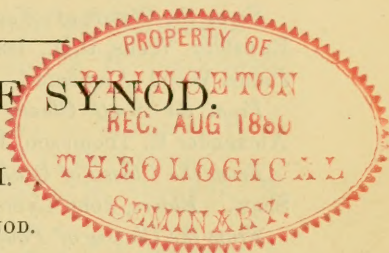
Arrived on the Third Day.—*Elder*, Theodore F. Cornell.

Arrived on the Sixth Day.—*Elders*, Jacob L. Sutphen, Albert Crane.

Arrived on the Seventh Day.—*Minister*, Henry Veslage. *Elder*, Edo Kipp.

Jonathan Sturges was succeeded by his secundus, James Anderson, on the ninth day.

Rev. John M. Wagner was succeeded by his secundus, Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, on the eighth day.



From the Classis of Kingston.—*Ministers*, Philip Peltz, D.D., Augustus Blauvelt, D.D., J. F. Harris. *Elders*, Jonathan Deyo, Roeliff Eltinge, D. S. Schoonmaker.

From the North Classis of Long Island.—*Ministers*, J. B. Alliger, John M. Wagner, Alexander McKelvey. *Elders*, Daniel V. Weeks, H. R. Broad, Isaac Amberman.

From the South Classis of Long Island.—*Ministers*, David S. Sutphen, C. R. Blauvelt, Edward P. Ingersoll. *Elders*, J. R. Bennett, C. H. Sampson, D. Vanderveer.

From the Classis of New York.—*Ministers*, Hervey D. Ganse, Ransford Wells, D.D., Isaac Riley. *Elders*, Jonathan Sturges, James Wood, Abraham C. Wood.

From the South Classis of New York.—*Ministers*, J. B. Steele, Alexander R. Thompson, D.D. *Elder*, J. W. Baker.

From the Classis of Orange.—*Ministers*, Augustus F. Todd, J. F. Shaw. *Elders*, John Lyon, Andrew S. Schoonmaker.

From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.—*Ministers*, A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., C. W. Fritts, A. Paige Peeke. *Elders*, Edwin Hill, Walter Brett, M. K. Fowler.

From Classis of Westchester.—*Ministers*, John Simonson, L. H. Van Dyck. *Elder*, Richard Walsh.

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

From the Classis of Albany.—*Ministers*, David K. Van Doren, Hiram Slauson. *Elders*, Robert H. Pruyn, Theodore F. Cornell.

From the Classis of Cayuga.—*Minister*, George H. Peeke. *Elders*, W. J. Bacon, J. W. Patterson.

From the Classis of Geneva.—*Ministers*, Wm. W. Brush, A. M. Mann, D.D., J. Whitbeck. *Elder*, G. S. Wyckoff.

From the Classis of Greene.—*Ministers*, A. F. Munn, A. D. Campbell, P. T. Deyo. *Elder*, Obadiah Lampman.

From the Classis of Montgomery.—*Ministers*, Rufus M. Stanbrough, Andrew J. Hageman. *Elders*, Abram Hees, Frederick Vedder.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.—*Ministers*, John B. Drury, Alfred H. Brush. *Elders*, Joseph S. Hare, Henry Van de Carr.

From the Classis of Saratoga.—*Ministers*, John G. Smart, Solomon T. Cole, George I. Taylor. *Elders*, Abraham Marshall, John C. Viele.

From the Classis of Schenectady.—*Ministers*, W. W. Letson, J. C. Lowe, W. H. Phraner. *Elders*, Nicholas Vischer, Alexander Dorn.

From the Classis of Schoharie.—*Ministers*, E. Miller, S. W. Roe, D.D. *Elder*, P. Z. Swart.

From the Classis of Ulster.—*Ministers*, Sanford H. Cobb, Woodbridge L. James. *Elders*, William M. Brink, John H. Freligh, Henry E. Legg.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

From the Classis of Michigan—*Minister*, A. H. Van Vranken. *Elder*, M. A. Mareness.

From the Classis of Illinois.—*Ministers*, A. Thompson, H. E. Decker, J. Mayou. *Elders*, P. S. Brokaw, C. Rhynsburger.

From the Classis of Holland.—*Ministers*, H. Uiterwyk, W. Moerdyk.

From the Classis of Wisconsin.—*Ministers*, F. E. Schlieder, A. Buursma.

From the Classis of Grand River.—*Ministers*, E. Van der Hart, M. Kiekintveld. *Elder*, F. Van Driele.

From the Particular Synod of N. Brunswick.

From the Classis of Bergen.—*Ministers*, William R. Gordon, D.D., J. Howard Suydam, Peter V. Van Buskirk. *Elder*, Ralph Voorhees.

From the South Classis of Bergen.—*Ministers*, Wm. R. Duryee, James L. Amerman, Wm. H. Van Doren. *Elder*, James A. Williamson.

From the Classis of Monmouth.—*Ministers*, Luther H. Van Doren, Charles S. Hageman, William Reiley. *Elders*, John Dorrance, Samuel W. Jones.

From the Classis of Newark.—*Ministers*, Edward P. Terhune, D.D., Gustavus Abeel, D.D., Henry Vehslage. *Elders*, S. R. W. Heath, Wm. H. Kirk, Jacob L. Sutphen.

From the Classis of New Brunswick.—*Ministers*, Richard H. Steele, D.D., Alexander McWilliam, Edward T. Corwin, D.D. *Elders*, John Foster, Joseph Conover, Lawrence Van der Veer.

From the Classis of Paramus.—*Ministers*, Goyn Talmage, John H. Duryea, D.D., Henry V. Voorhees. *Elders*, John W. Ferdon, John I. Ackerman, Edo Kipp.

From the Classis of Passaic.—*Ministers*, J. Henry Whitehead, Theodore F. Chambers, Frederick F. Wilson. *Elder*, Albert Crane.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—*Ministers*, Wm. B. Voorhees, Isaac Collier. *Elders*, D. S. Jones, James Van Zandt, David Krusen.

From the Classis of Raritan.—*Ministers*, Abram Messler, D.D., Charles H. Pool, Wm. Pitcher. *Elders*, Rynier H. Veghte, John Rodman.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Goyn Talmage was elected *President*; Rev. Edward P. Ingersoll was elected *Adressor*; Rev. A. Paige Peeke and Alfred. H. Brush were elected *Clerks, pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Synod were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On the Professorate.—*Ministers*, A. R. Thompson, D.D., Wm. Reiley, D. D., Abr'm Thompson. *Elders*, John W. Ferdon, Wm. H. Kirk.

On Overtures.—*Ministers*, Wm. R. Gordon, D.D., Wm. H. Phraner, Wm. W. Brush. *Elders*, P. S. Brokaw, John Lyon.

On Synodical Minutes.—*Ministers*, L. H. Van Doren, E. T. Corwin, D.D., D. S. Sutphen. *Elders*, P. L. Swart, S. W. Jones.

On Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund.—*Ministers*, Wm. R. Duryee, A. H. Van Vranken, H. Uiterwyk. *Elders*, H. R. Broad, J. W. Baker.

On Foreign Missions.—*Ministers*, E. P. Terhune, D.D., J. W. Schenck, R. H. Steele, D.D. *Elders*, Robert H. Pruyn, Edwin Hill.

On State of Religion.—*Ministers*, J. H. Suydam, Abram Messler, D.D., J. F. Harris. *Elders*, J. R. Bennett, G. S. Wyckoff.

On Education.—*Ministers*, H. F. Decker, C. S. Hageman, D.D., Alex. McKelvey. *Elders*, Rynier H. Veghte, A. C. Wood.

On Judicial Business.—*Ministers*, John Simonson, W. Moerdyk, E. Miller. *Elders*, James Wood, Joseph S. Hare.

On the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds.—*Ministers*, G. H. Pecke, T. S. Dusenberre, J. L. Amerman. *Elders*, J. Rodman, M. K. Fowler.

On Publication.—*Ministers*, G. Abeel, D.D., Augustus Blauvelt, D.D., John M. Wagner. *Elders*, Abraham Marshall, Alex. Dorn.

On Nominations.—*Ministers*, C. W. Fritts, C. R. Blauvelt, A. F. Munn. *Elders*, James Van Zandt, H. Van de Carr.

On Correspondence.—*Ministers*, P. Peltz, D.D., J. B. Drury, Henry V. Voorhees. *Elders*, Abram Hees, Joseph Conover.

On Accounts.—*Ministers*, M. Kiekenveldt, A. F. Todd, W. W. Letson. *Elders*, F. Van Driele, Nicholas Vischer.

On Leave of Absence.—*Ministers*, L. H. Van Dyck, Polhemus Van Wyck, J. Mayou. *Elders*, D. Vanderveer, Richard Walsh.

On Board of Direction.—*Elders*, S. R. W. Heath, James A. Williamson, D. S. Jones, Walter Brett, John Dorrance.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Peter Hertzog Hall, at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 19th, 1874, at 12 o'clock m., and adjourned on Wednesday evening at 10 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. Gordon opened the meeting with prayer, and was afterwards elected President of the Board, and the Rev. J. B. Drury was elected Clerk *pro tem*.

The following members were present:

From the Particular Synod of New York.

Rev. Philip Peltz,	Elder Gardner A. Sage,
Rev. C. L. Wells,	Rev. John W. Shenck,
Elder J. N. Brinkerhoff,	Rev. E. W. Bentley.

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

Rev. Anson F. Munn,	Rev. John B. Drury,
Elder Peter S. Danforth,	Rev. John A. DeBaun.

From the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

Rev. William R. Duryee,
Elder John W. Ferdon,

Rev. William R. Gordon,
Rev. Charles S. Hegeman.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

Rev. A. H. Van Vranken.

From the Report of the Professors it appears that the following students have been members of the Theological Seminary :

Senior Class.

Aaron W. Benson,
James C. Garretson,
Andrew Hageman,

William N. Todd,
William Veenschoten,
John H. Wyckoff.

Middle Class.

Horace P. Craig,
Joseph A. Harper,
William H. Hoffman,
William James Leggett,

Algernon Matthews,
Benjamin Cory Miller,
George Adams Reis,
John Alfred Van Neste,

Junior Class.

Frederick E. Allen,
George H. Cleveland,
John W. Conklin,
James S. N. Demarest,
Howard Harris,
Daniel T. Hawshurst,
Abraham J. Martine,

Charles W. Pitcher,
Isaac S. Schenck,
Alexander G. Van Aiken,
Ira Van Allen,
Heerman Vanderwart,
Jacob O. Van Fleet,
Charles S. Weight.

From the Report of the Faculty it appeared that in addition to the above, Henry Devries, lately from the Netherlands, and member of the Reformed Church of Sayville, had been examined by the Faculty on personal religion, and his views in desiring to prepare for the work of the ministry. But not having a College Diploma or its equivalent, he was, without being received as a member of the Seminary, yet permitted to go on with the Junior Class in the studies of the year. Mr. Devries has been educated in the High Schools of Holland, and the Faculty attested the good measure of

his attainments, his great diligence, and commendable progress, and recommended him to the Board for full admission to the Seminary. The Board accordingly admitted him to full standing in the Junior Class, with which he has pursued his studies, and passed the usual examinations before the Board.

The Professors examined the several classes in the presence of the Board in all the departments of the studies of the past year, and the examinations were sustained to the satisfaction of the Board. The members of the Senior Class were recommended to the Professors for the Professorial certificate which will entitle them to examination before their respective Classes for licensure.

The Board, however, were impressed with the difficulty of doing justice either to Professors or students by the present system of examinations, and therefore adopted the following resolutions :

First. That hereafter the examinations shall be by written answers to questions agreed upon by a Committee of the Board and the Professors, together with such oral questions as members of the Board may desire to ask.

Second. That it be competent for the Board to divide itself into sections for the purpose of carrying on the examinations simultaneously.

Third. That each Professor shall be allowed one day in which to examine his classes.

The annual address to the students was delivered by Rev. Dr. Peltz.

J. A. DE BAUN, *Chairman.*

A communication was received from the Classis of Raritan on the subject of the revised Liturgy, which was read, and laid upon the table for consideration when the report on the Liturgy is presented. It was afterward taken up and indefinitely postponed.

The following communication was received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, on the subject of an (Ecumenical Council of the Presbyterian Churches of this and other lands, and was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

To the Moderator of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, in session at Baltimore, Md., May 27th, 1873, adopted the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, There is substantial unity of faith, discipline and worship among the Presbyterian Churches in this and other lands, and whereas it is important to exhibit this union to the Churches and to the World ; and whereas a desire has been expressed in many places for closer union among all branches of the great and widely scattered family of Presbyterian Churches ; therefore

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Stated Clerk, and the Rev. James McCosh, D.D., LL. D., be appointed to correspond with sister Churches holding by the Westminster Standards, with the view of bringing about an Œcumenical Council of such Churches to consider subjects of common interest to all, and especially to promote harmony of action in the mission fields at home and abroad.

In accordance with this action, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, through its Committee, respectfully proposes to your honorable body, the consideration of the expediency of such an Œcumenical Council with the request that if such Council be deemed expedient, a Committee be appointed with power to determine through correspondence or conference with like Committees of other Presbyterian bodies, the time, place, and manner of holding said Council. In commending this invitation to your regard, the Committee would mention, among the many advantages sought by such a Presbyterian conference, the strength that would thus be imparted to organizations that may be feeble, because of their smallness, or their distance from evangelic centres, the unity of spirit that would be emphasized throughout our different bodies, the more perfect system that would be introduced into our processes of evangelization, and the powerful testimony to the truth that would be lifted up against the many forms of error with which the Church of Christ has to contend.

Earnestly urging this matter upon you as a work for the progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom, we have the honor to subscribe ourselves your faithful servants in the Gospel of Christ.

HOWARD CROSBY, *Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.*

EDWIN F. HATFIELD, *Stated Clerk, General Assembly Presb. Ch. United States of America.*

JAMES McCOSH, *President of the College of New Jersey, Princeton.*

A communication was received from the Classis of Arcot, together with a paper containing the "Proceedings of the Conference on Presbyterian Confederation, held at Allahabad, Nov. 1873," and was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

A communication was received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie on the subject of Hymn Books, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An overture was received from the South Classis of New York, and another from the South Classis of Long Island, and also a communication from the Board of Publication, in relation to the Board of Publication, all of which were referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. Ransford Wells, A. M. Mann, Charles H. Poole, and Elders James Wood and Abram Hees.

A memorial was received from the Classis of Westchester, in reference to the Statistical Tables, and was referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A request was received from the Classis of Montgomery for a dispensation on behalf of Mr. George Sharpley, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A request was received from the South Classis of Long Island for a dispensation on behalf of Mr. Norman F. Nickerson, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A request was received from the Classis of New York for a dispensation on behalf of Mr. Charles R. Strok, and Mr. A. J. Beekman, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from the Classis of New York, referring to the General Synod the action of the Particular Synod

of Chicago in transferring the Churches of Amelia and Mattoax, Va., from the Classis of Holland to that of New York, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from the Classis of Bergen in reference to publishing the names of Classes as delinquent, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

A memorial from Rev. Joseph Wilson, in relation to the Widows' Fund, was received and referred to the Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds.

A communication from the "Women's Temperance Christian Union," of Poughkeepsie, requesting the Synod to appoint a public meeting on behalf of the cause of Temperance, was received and referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

A complaint from J. W. Goosen against the Consistory of the Church of Zeeland was received, and referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

A communication was received from the Classis of Holland, requesting a dispensation on behalf of Mr. William Hasenberg, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A complaint was received from Elders P. B. Eltinge and J. J. Westbrook, of the Church of Deer Park, against the Consistory of said Church and the Classis of Orange, and referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

A paper was presented by Elder John Lyon, containing the action of the Classis of Orange with reference to the complaint of Elders P. B. Eltinge and J. J. Westbrook, and referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

An application was received from the Thirty-fourth Street Reformed Church in the City of New York, to authorize the Board of Corporation to consent to the execution of any mortgage or mortgages on said Church in an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and was referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

A communication from the Board of Domestic Missions requesting Synod to recognize Rev. P. D. Van Cleef as representative of the Board in the place of the Corresponding Secretary, necessarily absent, was received, and the request granted.

An invitation from the Young Men's Christian Association to attend a social reception at their rooms on the evening of the first

day of the session, and also to visit and make use of their parlors and committee rooms during the sessions of the Synod, was received and accepted with cordial thanks.

An invitation from President Raymond, of Vassar College, to visit that institution, was received and accepted, with the thanks of the Synod.

A communication was received from Mr. Peter R. Warner, declining a re-election as President of the Board of Direction, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

A carefully prepared and interesting paper from Mr. Peter R. Warner, in regard to the property and funds belonging to the Synod, and held in trust for various objects, was read before Synod, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, together with the Treasurer's Annual Account, the Annual Digest, List of Securities belonging to the General Synod, List of Real Estate belonging to the General Synod, List of Endowed Scholarships, Education Fund Account, Education Income Account, Widows' Fund Account, Widows' Fund Income Account, Hope College Endowment Fund, Hope College Income Account, Disabled Ministers' Fund Account, Expense Account, Estimate of Expenses for the current year, Van Benschoteu Fund Account, Knox Fund Account.

The report and documents were referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, with the exception of the Widows' Fund Account, the Widows' Fund Income Account, and the Disabled Ministers' Fund Account, which were referred to the Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds.

Report of the Board of Direction to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

The Board of Direction of General Synod would report, that there have been received the following bequests :

From the executor of Jacob H. Ten Eyck, deceased, the sum of ten thousand dollars, bequeathed by him to the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick, N. J.

From executors of Catharine G. Visscher, deceased, one hundred dollars, bequeathed by her to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

From the estate of Caroline Herriman, deceased, three thousand dollars, amount bequeathed by her for the maintenance and support of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

From executors of Mrs. Sarah W. Anthony, two hundred dollars, amount bequeathed by her for the use of the Board of Foreign Missions.

From the executor of Jane Christina Ainslie, two hundred and fifty dollars, amount bequeathed by her for the Board of Education.

From executors of James B. Laing, deceased, seven thousand five hundred dollars, for the support and education of pious, indigent young men, preparing for the Gospel Ministry in the Reformed Church in America.

Your Board would further report that there have been received, from Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, ten Bonds of \$1,000 each of the Toledo and Wabash Railway Company, being the gift of Nicholas F. Vedder, deceased, for the purpose of founding and sustaining an annual Course of Lectures to be delivered before the students of the Theological Seminary and the students of Rutgers College at New Brunswick, N. J., on "The present Aspects of Modern Infidelity, including its cause and cure."

That there has been received, from John Clark, of New Brunswick, N. J., the sum of five thousand dollars for the Permanent Seminary Fund.

That there has been received from Gardner A. Sage, thirty thousand dollars toward the erection of a fire-proof Library building adjacent to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.

WIDOWS' FUND.

This Fund amounts to \$36,865.35. The collections from churches and individuals during the past year amount to \$1,493.27. Annuities have been paid from the fund for the six months ending May 1st and Nov. 1st, 1873, amounting in the aggregate to \$2,261.90.

One annual subscriber has withdrawn from the fund the proportion of the amount of his former subscriptions to which he was entitled by the rules of the fund, and one subscription of \$500 has been withdrawn from the fund.

HOPE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

There has been received for this fund, during the year, \$1,926.26 ; and there has been paid out of the fund \$5,000 ; and the fund now amounts to \$19,469.83.

At the last meeting of General Synod, your Board were "instructed and directed" to employ an agent or agents to raise the sum of \$80,000, absolutely needed to provide for the payment of the Professors' salaries, and to restore to the Permanent Seminary Fund the sums which, under the acts and instructions of Synod, have been unwisely withdrawn therefrom.

Finding it extremely difficult to obtain a suitable agent, and also ascertaining from the Minutes of General Synod that, in the hope of enlisting the whole Church in the desirable effort, the Synod had appointed a large Executive Committee to facilitate the labors of the agent who might be appointed by the Board, your Board prepared an appeal in behalf of this object and forwarded it to each settled Pastor and to those Consistories of the churches where there were no pastors.

To this appeal not a single response having been received, your Board resumed their efforts to obtain an agent for the work.

Rev. Dr. Lansing was requested to accept the appointment and enter upon the employment without delay. His labors have necessarily been confined to the City of New York and vicinity ; but so far have not met with the success which was desired and hoped for. He has obtained only a few hundred dollars. This amount, with the sums paid in by the Classes for back assessments and for the contingent expenses of the year, in excess of such expenses, have reduced the debt in only a very small sum. The indebtedness, on 30th April last, being \$30,608.02, as against the indebtedness of the previous year, a reduction of only \$2,622.42.

The liberality of a few members of the last Synod, who subscribed towards the deficiency of the income for the year, and who have paid their subscriptions, together with the contributions of

others, have been sufficient with the income from the fund for the payment of the salaries of the Professors and the other claims upon such income, except a claim of \$1,000 by the Hertzog Hall Committee for repairs to the Professorial dwellings. Without renewed liberality the income of the year upon which we have entered will fall short of the demands upon it.

In compliance with the resolution of the Synod, the Board instructed the Treasurer to borrow the sum of five thousand dollars for the relief of Hope College, which was done, and the amount paid through the Rev. Dr. Phelps. Before the loan matured, difficulties occurred in the money market, so that the loan was not renewed; and as there had not been any contributions received towards the endowment of the College, by a resolution of the Board the Treasurer was directed to pay the same out of the proceeds of the sale of United States Bonds, which had been made in the expectation of increasing the income of the College, but which had not yet been permanently invested.

Rev. Dr. Phelps having been previously engaged in the work, the Board requested him to act as its agent in an effort to obtain the endowment of Hope College. He has been engaged in the work, but so far his success we believe has been very limited.

The term of service of Peter R. Warner, President of the Board, will expire at this meeting of the Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. R. WARNER, *President*.

M. S. HUTTON,	} <i>Directors.</i>
JOHN VAN NEST,	
GARDNER A. SAGE,	

New York, May 26th, 1874.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

*The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America in
account with JOHN I. BROWER, Treasurer.*

1873.	Dr.	
May 19	To Cash paid the Board of Education, per F. J. Hoarford, Treasurer, for six months' interest to 1st inst., on amount of invested scholarships.....\$2,895 42 for six months' interest to 1st., on Parochial School Fund... 302 50 for six months' interest to 1st inst., on Hope College Endowment Fund 768 59	
		\$3,966 51
	paid for Circulars	24 75
20	paid Annuities from the Widows' Fund for the six months ending 1st inst.....	1,191 89
29	Deposit in United States Trust Company....	10,000
June 2	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary on account of the quarter's salary due 1st inst: Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D. ...425 John DeWitt, D.D. ....425 Saml. M. Woodbridge, D.D. ....425	
		1,275
	paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.....	648 13
9	paid Insurance on the Hertzog Hall.....	105
13	paid Loan on Bond and Mortgage	5,000
18	paid Corresponding Delegates.....	254 58
19	paid Appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	1,850
24	paid Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago for traveling expenses	380
	paid Expenses of Meeting of General Synod.	70 85
	paid Salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents and expenses	26 40
30	Deposited in the United States Trust Company.....	1,500
	Deposited in the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company.....	8,000
	Carried forward.....	\$34,293 11

1873.	Dr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$34,293 11
June 30	To Cash paid Professors Demarest, DeWitt and Woodbridge, \$325 each, for balance of the quarter's salary due 1st inst.....	975
July 1	paid Insurance on three professorial dwellings.....	90
2	paid the following Professors, their proportion of the amount received from the Rev. David Cole, D.D., collected on the \$3,000, subscribed by individuals in order to equalize salaries for the year that expired June 1st, 1873.....	
	Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.....700	
	John DeWitt, D.D.....700	
	David D. Demarest, D.D.....700	
15	for second installment on five shares of the new Capital Stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.....	2,100
	paid Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., for one year's salary as Permanent Clerk of General Synod.....	100
	expenses for two years.....	5
31	deposited in the United States Trust Co.....	105
Aug. 7	paid Rev. P. Phelps, Jr., D.D., President, \$5,000, being for the payment of the most pressing debts of Hope College.....	5,380 06
15	Insurance on furniture, &c., Hertzog Hall.....	5,000
Sept. 1	Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., for one quarter's salary, due this day.....	67 50
25	paid amount loaned on Bond and Mortgage. paid Insurance on buildings connected with Hope College.....	1,400
26	Rev. John De Witt, D.D., on account of the quarter's salary, due 1st inst.....	20,000
Oct. 2	for Counsel fees in the Laing Will Case.....	18 50
11	deposited in the United States Trust Co.....	100
13	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary, for one quarter's salary, due Sept 1st.....	250
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....750	7,500
	John De Witt, D.D., balance... 650	
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D... 750	
14	paid third installment on five shares of the new Capital Stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.....	2,150
30	paid for circulars for Board of Direction.....	100
31	paid Check Book for Treasurer.....	10 50
	paid Insurance on the Hertzog Hall.....	9
Nov 15	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, for six months' interest to 1st inst., on amount of invested scholarships.....	127 50
	2,600	
	Carried forward.....	\$79,776 17

1873.	Dr.	
Nov. 15	Brought forward..... To Cash for six months' interest to 1st inst., on Hope College Endowment Fund..... 650 for six months' interest to 1st inst., on Parochial School Fund 200	\$79,776 17
	paid appropriations from the Disabled Min- isters' Fund.....	3,450
	paid annuities from the Widows' Fund, for the six months ending 1st inst.....	350
29	paid Insurance on the James Suydam Hall..	1,070 01
	paid Insurance on the Library in the Hertzog Theological Hall.....	262 50
	paid for salary of the Janitor of the Hertzog Theological Hall..... 100	45
	for fuel for do..... 20	120
Dec. 1	paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D. for one quarter's salary, due this day.....	1,050
6	paid Note Discounted by Bank.....	5,000
12	paid appropriation from the Disabled Min- isters' Fund.....	150
19	paid the following Professors in the Theolog- ical Seminary for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.....	750
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....	750
	John De Witt, D.D.....	750
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D....	2,250
	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod.....	250
20	paid Rev. J. Mason Ferris, D.D., amount withdrawn from the Widows' Fund.....	150
31	paid interest on the Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog.....	704 16
Jan. 19	paid fourth installment on five Shares of the new Capital Stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.....	100
20	paid the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for Library pur- poses.....	1,000
Feb. 6	paid amount of loan on Bond and Mortgage.	6,000
7	paid Insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theo- logical Hall.....	25 61
	paid Insurance on the James Suydam Hall..	48 84
	paid Insurance on Library in Hertzog Theo- logical Hall.....	20 52
26	paid one year's interest on the donation of Col. Henry Rutgers, of \$5,000.....	350
27	paid Board of Education, bequest of Mrs. Jane Christina Ainslie, deceased.....	250
	paid Board of Foreign Missions, bequest of Mrs. Sarah W. Anthony, deceased.....	200
	Carried forward.....	\$102,622 81

1874.	Dr.	
	Brought forward,.....	\$102,622 81
March 2	To Cash paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., for one quarter's salary due 1st inst.....	1,000
18	paid the following Professors their proportion of the balance of the \$3,000 subscribed by individuals, in order to equalize salaries for the year that expired June 1st, 1873.....	
	Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.. 300	
	John De Witt, D.D..... 300	
	David D. Demarest, D.D..... 300	900
21	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.....	
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D..... 750	
	John De Witt, D.D..... 750	
	Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.. 750	
		2,250
April 13	paid Insurance on Hope College.....	93 75
16	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Building Committee of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, ten thousand dollars toward expenses in erecting a fire-proof Library Building adjacent to the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J., known as the "Gardner A. Sage Library.".....	10,000
20	paid Insurance on three Professorial dwellings.....	67 50
21	paid Board of Education on account of six months' interest on Hope College Endowment Fund, due May 1st, 1874.....	250
25	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer, nine thousand dollars, toward expenses in erecting the "Gardner A. Sage Library.".....	9,000
	paid Executors of Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., deceased, five hundred dollars, amount withdrawn from the Widows' Fund.....	500
29	paid am't borrowed Dec. 12th, 1873. 2,000	
	Interest thereon..... 52 87	
		2,052 87
30	paid Board Domestic Missions, two hundred and fifty dollars, amount authorized by General Synod to be paid over to said Board, the interest thereon to be applied to the uses of the Board, being amount of bequest of Jacob Van Benschoten deceased.....	
	..... 250	
	Interest thereon to date..... 35	
		285
	paid Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D., Financial Agent, commission on amount secured for the debt of General Synod.....	64
	Carried forward.....	\$129,085 93

1874.	Dr.	
April 30	Brought forward.....	\$129,085 93
	To Cash paid John I. Brower as follows, viz:	
	for one year's salary as Treasurer of General	
	Synod 1,000	
	for postage, stationery, traveling expenses, &c..... 88 93	
		1,088 93
	This amount apportioned to the following Funds,	
	as per Resolution of General Synod, viz:	
	Permanent Seminary Fund..... 315 50	
	Education Fund..... 254 31	
	Widows' Fund..... 255 53	
	Permanent Contingent Fund.... 5 94	
	Hope College Endowment Fund. 70 09	
	James Suydam Professorship.... 187 50	
	\$1,088 93	130,174 86
May 1	To Balance on hand carried forward,.....	20,141 38
		<u>\$150,316 24</u>

1873.		Cr.	
May	1	By balance from last account.....	\$7,906 50
	10	By Cash received from Charles B. Lansing, on account of note of \$2,500, for Library of Theological Seminary.....	1,500
	16	received from J. H. Ten Eyck, Jr., Executor of Jacob H. Ten Eyck, deceased, ten thousand dollars, amount bequeathed to the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J. from Executors of Catharine G. Visscher, deceased, amount bequeathed to the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J. for proceeds of sale of \$4,500 United States Bonds, 1881.....	10,000
June	7	less Interest for Hope College Endowment Fund.....	100
			5,518 12
			138 06
	12	from estate of Caroline Herriman, deceased, three thousand dollars, amount of legacy bequeathed for the maintenance and support of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America.....	5,380 06
	17	from the following, toward the most pressing debts of Hope College, viz: Jonathan Sturges..... Samuel B. Schieffelin.....	3,000
			100
			100
	20	from John Clark, of New Brunswick, N. J., five thousand dollars, for the Permanent Seminary Fund of the Reformed Church in America.....	200
July	2	received in payment of Bond and Mortgage.. from Rev. David Cole, D D., twenty-one hundred dollars, being in part payment of a sum of \$3,000 subscribed by individuals, in order to equalize the salaries of the Professors of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., for the year that expired June 1st, 1873; to be equally divided between Professors Woodbridge, De Witt and Demarest.....	5,000
			5,000
	30	received on account of Bond and Mortgage..	2,100
Aug.	7	borrowed from Bank on note of the Board... ..	600
			5,000
		less interest.....	116 99
			4,883 01
		from Charles B. Lansing, in payment of note for Library of Theological Seminary.....	1,000
Sept.	20	from Classis of Paramus, for Permanent Seminary Fund.....	44
	25	from United States Trust Co., amount of deposits withdrawn.....	13,000
Carried forward			\$59,713 57

1873.		Cr.	
		Brought forward.....	\$59,713 57
Oct.	2	By Cash from Executors of James B. Laing, deceased, seven thousand five hundred dollars, in compromise and settlement of the claim of General Synod, under the Will of the said James B. Laing, deceased	7,500
	8	for balance due on Bond and Mortgage.....	400
Dec.	12	from United States Trust Co., portion of deposits withdrawn.....	5,000
		borrowed.....	2,000
	31	from Wm. E. Lawrence, for debt of General Synod.....	100
1874.		from Reformed Church of Peekskill, for Permanent Seminary Fund.....	35 63
Jan.	26	from New York Life Insurance and Trust Co., part of deposit withdrawn.....	6,000
Feb.	5	from Executors of Mrs. Sarah W. Anthony, dec'd, amount bequeathed for the use of the Board of Foreign Missions.....	200
	20	from Executors of Mrs. Jane Christina Ainslie, amount bequeathed for the Board of Education.....	250
	21		
March	17	from Rev. David Cole, D.D., nine hundred dollars, being the balance of the \$3,000 subscribed by individuals, in order to equalize the salaries of the Professors of the Theological Seminary, for the year that expired June 1st, 1873: to be equally divided between Professors Woodbridge, De Witt and Demarest.....	900
April	13	received from Gardner A. Sage, ten thousand dollars, being on account of his note dated June 7th, 1871, for \$40,000 for the erection of a fire-proof Library building adjacent to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.....	10,000
	14	from the following, toward the payment of the most pressing debts of Hope College : Jonathan Sturges 150 Samuel B. Schieffelin..... 150	300
	22	from the Reformed Church of Spring Lake, Ill., for the Permanent Seminary Fund..	1
		from Gardner A. Sage, on account of his note dated June 7th, 1871, for \$40,000, for the erection of a fire proof Library building, adjacent to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., as follows:	
		Twelve thousand dollars 12,000	
	28	Eight thousand dollars..... 8,000	
			20,000
	29	from P. R. Warner, for the debt of General Synod.....	200
		Carried forward.....	\$112,600 20

1874.	Cr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$112,600 20
April 30	By Cash from Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D., Financial Agent, five hundred and ninety dollars; amount collected by him for the debt of General Synod.....	590
	received for interest during the year, on Bonds, &c., as follows:	
	1873	
	May.....	3,323 88
	June.....	2,923 47
	July.....	407 77
	August.....	1,914 66
	September.....	1,929 67
	October.....	2,355 97
	November.....	4,673 75
	December ..	1,277 50
	1874	
	January.....	1,101 17
	February... ..	2,645 62
	March.....	1,505 00
	April.....	4,128 86
	received from the following Classes during the year, for contingent expenses of General Synod, viz:	
	Classis of Paramus	338 75
	Orange.....	100 61
	Bergen.....	67 36
	Holland.....	40 38
	New Brunswick.....	46 40
	Schenectady.....	52 67
	Raritan.....	66 24
	Michigan.....	12 90
	Passaic.....	40 94
	Kingston.....	48 18
	New York.....	105 70
	South Bergen.....	31 87
	Westchester.....	72 25
	Hudson.....	41 63
	Rensselaer.....	46 29
	Saratoga.....	34 73
	Ulster.....	53 15
	Cayuga.....	28 35
	Geneva.....	33 50
	Wisconsin.....	42 14
	Illinois.....	40 98
	Monmouth.....	49 48
	Poughkeepsie	52 75
	Albany.....	66 14
	Schoharie.....	21 41
	South New York.....	29 59
	Newark.....	42 20
	North Long Island.....	64 63
	Carried forward.....	1,671 22
		\$163,048 74

1874.	Cr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$143,048 74
April 30	By Cash from the following Classes, on account of the assessment of \$4,000, for contingent ex- penses and deficiency of income combined, directed to be made by the General Synod in June, 1871, viz:	
	Classis of Holland.....	110 58
	Grand River.....	47
	South Long Island.....	219 45
	South New York.....	74 17
	Passaic.....	78 43
		529 63
	received on account of the assessment of \$20,000 made by General Synod in June, 1864, for the purpose of increasing the Permanent Fund, from Classis of Paramus	124
	received from the following for amount of their subscriptions made in June, 1873, for meeting the deficiency in the income of General Synod for the current year, viz :	
	Sylvester Southard.....	25
	A Friend.....	10
	Rev. Wm. V. V. Mabon, D.D.....	25
	A. J. Beekman.....	100
	Ab'm C. Wood.....	25
	Samuel B. Schieffelin.....	150
	Henry L. Young.....	100
	Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D.....	25
	H. V. S. Myers.....	25
	Benj. C. Taylor, D.D.....	50
	W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.....	50
	Reformed Church, Fort Plain, per Rev. A. B. Riggs.....	50
	additional.....	4
	Sanford Cobb.....	100
	Rev. P. Peltz, D.D.....	100
	Wm. W. Scudder, D.D.....	25
	Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.....	100
	C. H. Stitt, D.D.....	25
	Jonathan Sturges.....	100
	Mrs. Jonathan Sturges.....	50
	Johnson Letson.....	100
	North Ref'd Church, West Troy, per Lewis Rosseau.....	50
	Edo Kip.....	100
	John W. Ferdon.....	100
	Rev. H. D. Ganse.....	50
	D. B. Wyckoff.....	25
	Abel T. Stewart, D.D.....	25
	Luther H. Van Doren.....	25
	P. D. Van Cleef, D.D.....	100
	James B. Cambell, on ac't... ..	15
	John Sip.....	25
	R. L. Anderson.....	150
	Carried forward.....	\$143,702 37

1874.	Cr.	
April 30	Brought forward..... R. N. Perlee..... 100 Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D..... 100 Charles I. Shepard..... 25 Geo. J. Van Neste..... 25 Thos. W. Jones..... 50 T. W. Wells..... 20 Wm. T. Enyard..... 100 Individuals in consistory of the Broadway Reformed Church of Patterson, per Rev. Wm. H. Clark..... 25 Rev. P. G. M. Bahler..... 10 O. E. Cobb..... 25 Oscar Gesner..... 150 I. P. Brokaw..... 20 Hon. Robert H. Pruyn..... 100 Rev. Marshall B. Smith..... 100	\$143,702 37
	received for the Widows' Fund during the year, as follows, viz:	2,754
	from Second Reformed Church, Coxsackie 10 20 from Reformed Church, Bayonne.. 7 77 from First Ref'd Church, B'k'lyn.. 121 80 from Mrs. Elizabeth Jones..... 10 from A Lady, per C. V. S..... 25 Ref. Church, Fonda..... 45 " " Nyack... 6 60 " " Syracuse... 8 23 " " Port Richmond, S. I. 10 " " Blooming Grove, Rens. Co..... 6 55 " " Geneva..... 9 32 " " New Lots..... 7 88 " " Prospect Hill, N. Y. 20 " " Gravesend, L. I. 12 15 " " Stuyvesant..... 6 58 Rev. E. Nevius..... 3 Knox Memorial Chapel, N. Y. 5 50 First Ref. Church Coxsackie..... 3 94 Ref. Church, Sayville, L. I. 8 10 " " Washington Square, New York..... 40 " " Tyre, N. Y..... 4 10 " " English Neighbor- hood..... 6 " " Green Point..... 15 22 " " Six Mile Run..... 20 " " First Athens... .. 5 02 " " First Van Voorst, Jersey City..... 6 Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer 15 Collegiate Ref. Dutch Church, N. Y. 142 38	
	Carried forward.....	\$146,456 37

1874.	Cr.	
April 30	Brought forward.....	\$146,456 37
	Ref. Church, Bloomingdale, N. Y....	10 60
	" " Berea, Orange Co.,	
	New York.....	5
	" " Holmdel, N. J.	13 12
	" " Chittenango.....	6 67
	" " Second Poughkeepsie	28 10
	" " Flatlands... ..	13 50
	" " Bushnell, Ill... ..	12 15
	" " Astoria, L. I.	18 30
	" " Naumburgh, N. Y... ..	2 50
	" " Owasco Outlet.....	2
	" " Schraalenberg.....	20 40
	" " Schoharie.....	2 76
	" " Second Newark. . .	5 37
	" " High Bridge, N. J..	6 27
	" " New Town, L. I. . .	5 23
	" " Middleburgh, N. Y..	3 90
	" " South Brooklyn....	7 32
	" " Bushnell, Ill.....	2 35
	" " Fallsburgh, N. Y... ..	2 50
	" " Nyack.....	6 68
	First Reformed Church Totowa... ..	13 26
	Reformed Church of Wyckoff....	6 25
	" " Montgomery	12 46
	German Evangelical Mission	
	Church, Houston Street, N. Y..	15
	Ref. Church, Spring Valley, N. Y..	4 50
	Second Ref. Church, Claverack... ..	29 80
	Ref. Church, Lafayette, N. J.	30
	" " Northumberland....	3 50
	" " Long Branch.....	7
	" " East Greenbush....	8 96
	" " Nyack.....	19 85
	" " Bushnell, Ill... ..	2 65
	" " Middlebush, N. J... ..	17 13
	" " East New York.....	11 30
	" " Middleburgh, N. Y. .	5 09
	Fourth Philadelphia.....	5
	received for the Widows' Fund during the year, where \$20 dollars of each amount is to apply to the credit of Pastors, as fol- lows:	
	from the Ref. Church, Niskayuna..	14 15
	" " " Lisha's Kill..	12 35
	Rev. J. A. De Baun, Pastor....	
	Ref. Church on the Heights, Brook- lyn, Rev. David Inglis, D.D., Pastor.....	59 11
	Ref. Church, Readington N. J., Rev. John H. Smock, Pastor...	40 62
	First Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa, Rev. Egbert Winter, Pastor...	20
	Carried forward.....	\$147,404 18

1874.	Cr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$147,404 18
April 30	Broadway Ref. Church, Paterson, Rev. Wm. H. Clark, Pastor....	20
	First Ref. Church, New Brunswick, Rev. Richard H. Steele, D.D., Pastor.....	23
	Third Reformed Church, Jersey City, Rev. J. Howard Suydam, Pastor.....	28 40
	Ref. Church, Addisville, Pa., Rev. Isaac Collier, Pastor.....	20
	First Reformed Church, Holland, Mich., Rev. R. Pieters, Pastor.	20
	Ref. Church, Flatbush, L. I., Rev. Corn's L. Wells, Pastor.....	28 33
	Ref. Church, Fairfield, N. J., Rev. E. N. Sebring, Pastor.....	20
	Ref. Church, Acquackanonk, Rev. John Gaston, D.D., Pastor, \$20 and \$20.....	40
	Ref. Church, Yonkers, Rev. David Cole, D.D., Pastor.....	30
	Ref. Church, Brighton Heights, S.I. Rev. Wm. T. Enyard, Pastor..	20
	Ref. Church of Leeds, Rev. B. Van Zandt, Pastor.....	20
	Ref. Church, Branchville, N. J., Rev. Wm. Pitcher Pastor.....	20
	Ref. Church, Gallupville, Rev. J. H. Kershow, Pastor.....	20
	Ref. Church, New Paltz, Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., Pastor....	20
	Ref. Church, Niskayuna... 15	
	" " Lisha's Kill... 14 50	
	Rev. J. A. De Baun, Pastor ———	29 50
	Ref. Church, 34th Street, N. Y., Rev. Isaac Riley, Pastor.....	20
	Ref. Church, New Utrecht, L. I., Rev. David S. Sutphen, Pastor .	20
	received from the following Clergymen, dur- ing the year, for their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz :	545 46
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D....	20
	J. Howard Van Doren, 2 y'rs	40
	Stephen Searle.....	20
	P. D. Van Cleef, D.D.	20
	M. Swick.....	20
	John Gardner.....	20
	George H. Peeke.....	20
	Sam'l M. Woodbridge, D.D.	23
	Cyril Spaulding.....	20
	Carried forward.....	\$147,949 64

1874.	Cr.	
April 30	Brought forward.....	\$147,949 64
	Isaac S. Demund, D.D.....	20
	John H. Duryea, D.D.....	20
	E. Vedder.....	20
	A. J. Sebring.....	20
	J. R. Talmage.....	20
	John A. Lansing, D.D.....	20
	Alex. McKelvey.....	20
	H. W. F. Jones.....	20
		360
	received for the Widows' Fund Income Account from Ref. Church, Marion, N. Y....	4 61
	received for the Disabled Ministers' Fund during the year as follows, viz:	
	from Ref. Church, Bayonne, N. J....	\$4 37
	from First Ref. Church, Brooklyn...	121 80
	from Ref. Church of Ponds, N. J....	10
	" " Fonda.....	25
	" " Nyack.....	4 40
	" " Syracuse.....	8 23
	from Middle Ref. Church, Brooklyn.	77 65
	from Ref. Church, Port Richmond..	15
	" " on the Heights,	
	Brooklyn.....	59 11
	" " Kerhonkson, N. Y.	4 50
	" " Blooming Grove,	
	Rensselaer Co..	6 55
	" " Geneva.....	9 31
	" " New Lots.....	7 89
	" " Prospect Hill, N.Y.	20
	" " Gravesend, L. I.	12 15
	" " Readington, N. J.	20 63
	from Knox Memorial Chapel, N. Y..	5 50
	from First Ref. Church, Pella, Iowa.	20
	from Ref. Church, Paramus.....	21 38
	from First Ref. Church, Coxsackie..	3 94
	Ref. Church, Jamaica, L. I.....	43 79
	" " Port Jervis.....	32
	" " Sayville L. I.....	5 25
	" " Stuyvesant.....	8 14
	" " Washington Square,	
	New York... ..	40
	" " Second Pella, Iowa...	5 25
	" " Second Freehold...	23 65
	" " North, Newark.....	65 70
	" " Green Point, L. I.....	15 23
	Broadway Ref. Church, Paterson....	9 40
	Ref. Church, Six Mile Run.....	11 25
	Second Ref. Church, Glenville.....	4 87
	Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer.....	15
	Carried forward.....	\$148,314 25

1874.	Cr.	
April 30	Brought forward.....	\$148,314 25
	Collegiate Ref. Dutch Church, N. Y. 142 39	
	Ref. Church, Harlem..... 25 50	
	" " First, New Brunswick. 22 87	
	" " Lodi 12	
	" " Berea, Orange Co..... 5	
	" " Holmdel, N. J..... 15 50	
	" " Marion, N. Y..... 4 61	
	" " Second, Poughkeepsie. 28 10	
	" " Bushnell, Ill.... 12 20	
	" " Astoria, L. I..... 18 30	
	" " Flatbush, L. I. 28 34	
	" " Pompton..... 22 37	
	" " First, Claverack..... 9 11	
	" " Schoharie 2 76	
	" " Second, Newark..... 5 38	
	" " Yonkers..... 23 07	
	" " Naumburgh, N. Y.... 2 50	
	" " First, Newtown, L. I.. 5 23	
	" " Middleburgh, N. Y.... 3 90	
	Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Courter, dec'd 2 90	
	Ref. Church, Spring Valley, N. Y... 6 50	
	" " South Brooklyn..... 7 32	
	" " Second New Brunswick 19 76	
	" " Bushnell, Ill..... 2 25	
	" " Fallsburgh, N. Y.... 2 50	
	" " Nyack..... 9	
	" " First, Totowa..... 13 26	
	" " Upper Red Hook 6 13	
	" " Canajoharie..... 10	
	" " Fort Plain..... 28 78	
	" " Wyckoff..... 6 25	
	" " Montgomery 12 46	
	" " Germantown, N. Y... 5	
	" " Castleton..... 20	
	German Evangelical Mission Church,	
	Houston Street, New York..... 15	
	Ref. Church, New Paltz..... 5 72	
	" " Second Claverack.... 12 30	
	" " 34th Street, New York 20	
	" " Lafayette..... 20	
	" " Northumberland..... 5	
	" " Long Branch..... 7 65	
	" " East Greenbush..... 10 65	
	" " Nyack..... 20 10	
	" " Bushnell, Ill 2 55	
	" " East New York..... 12	
	" " North & Southampton. 6 64	
	" " Fourth Philadelphia.. 10	
	" " Bergen Point..... 30	
		1,455 79
Carried forward.....		\$149,770 04

1874.	Cr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$149,770 04
April 30	By Cash received for the Endowment Fund of Hope College, as follows, viz:	
	Rev. Church, Yonkers.....	53
	“ “ Sayville, L. I.....	3 50
	“ “ Hopewell, N. Y.....	21 30
	“ “ Dunkirk, N. Y.....	3 50
	“ “ Berea, Orange Co.....	12
	“ “ Nyack.....	24 55
	Mrs. Francis, of Port Jervis.....	100
	Ref. Church, Middletown, N. J.....	7
	“ “ Spring Lake, Ill.....	1
	received the following, per Rev. P. Phelps, Jr., D.D :	
	Ref. Church, Centreville, Mich.	160
	South Church, West Troy.....	34
	Consistory of Ref. Church, Griggst'n	12 50
	Ref. Church, Spring Valley, N. Y..	6
	“ “ Second Paterson.....	32 53
	“ “ Upper Red Hook.....	5
	“ “ Somerset, Kansas.....	3
	“ “ East New York.....	21 55
	“ “ Macon, Mich.....	3
	“ “ Rocky Hill, N. J.....	15 37
	“ “ Clover Hill.....	7 40
	“ “ and Sabbath School, Flatbush, Ulster Co.	15
	Rev. G. W. Laban.....	5
		546 20
		\$150,316 24
May 1	By Balance brought forward.....	\$20,141 38

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1874.

The subscribers, a committee appointed to examine the accounts of JOHN I. BROWER, Treasurer, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand of Twenty Thousand One Hundred and Forty-one Dollars and thirty-eight cents.

P. R. WARNER,
GARDNER A. SAGE,
Committee.

New York, May 25, 1874.

Annual Digest.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows :

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, amounted on April 1st, 1874, to.....	\$20,313 57
which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the State of New Jersey.....	
There has been paid to students, etc., out of the income of this Fund, during the year.....	929
Cash on hand April 1st, 1874.....	884 19

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages in the State of New Jersey, is.....	\$2,000
There has been paid to students, out of the income of this Fund, during the year.....	150
Balance on hand April 1st, 1874.....	451,78

EDUCATION FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc..	\$87,900
Balance of principal, April 30th, 1874.....	1,037 16
Balance of interest received to April 30th, 1874.....	3,856 49.

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc..	\$35,000
Balance of principal April 30th, 1874....	1,865 35
There has been paid to Annuitants, out of the income of this Fund, during the year.....	2,261 90
Balance on hand April 30th, 1874.....	1,381 69

PERMANENT SEMINARY FUND.

Amount of this Fund, invested for General Fund.....	\$100,089 33
Fourth Professorial Fund.....	30,537 66
James Suydam Professorial Fund.....	60,000
Donation of Colonel Henry Rutgers, deceased, held in trust for Rutgers College.....	5,000
Balance of Fund not invested....	33,291 01
	<u>\$228,918</u>

Twenty-three shares of the Bergen Turnpike stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College valued at.....	180
Amount of subscriptions to the Permanent Fund, upon which interest is received.....	5,750
Notes received toward endowment of the Theological Seminary, and for Library.....	12,500

PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund April 30th, 1874	\$2,158 48
Of which is invested.....	<u>1,800</u>

HOPE COLLEGE.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc for the endowment of this College....	\$18,400
Balance of Fund not yet invested.....	1,069 83
Balance of interest on hand April 30th. 1874.....	<u>311 57</u>

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount of this Fund on April 30th, 1874, invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc	\$11,000
Balance on hand April 30th, 1874.....	2,372 33
There has been paid from this Fund during the year	<u>2,350</u>

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bond secured by mortgage.....	\$10,000
And fifteen shares of the capital stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co.	

LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG.

This Legacy, the interest of which is to be applied for repairs to Hertzog Hall, is invested upon bonds secured by mortgages,	<u>\$10,000</u>
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VEDDER LECTURE FUND.

This Fund is composed of ten bonds of the Toledo & Wabash Railway Company.....		\$10,000
Amount of interest on hand April 30th, 1874.....		<u>700</u>

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY.

There has been received for securing a Library, including interest		\$40,411 06
And notes in addition to the amount of.....		7,500
And there has been expended for books.....		<u>19,675</u>

GARDNER A. SAGE LIBRARY.

There has been received toward the erection of this Building....		\$30,000
Amount paid out.....		19,000
Balance on hand April 30th, 1874.....		<u>11,000</u>

ASSETS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER.

Bonds and mortgages, and bonds and notes amounting to.....		\$367,476 99
Railroad bonds.....		12,000
Three Township bonds.....		2,250
Deposits in Trust Companies.....		28,380 06
Cash in Bank.....		20,141 38
		<u>\$430,248 43</u>
Advances for salaries, contingent expenses, and repairs of resi- dences of Professors.....		30,608 02
		<u>\$460,856 45</u>

Certificates of fifteen shares of the capital stock of the Delaware
& Hudson Canal Co. belonging to the Parochial School Fund

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Received for Minutes and Postage returned, including balance on hand last year.....		\$869 75
Paid for Printing Minutes and Postage.....		826 60
Balance on hand.....		<u>\$43 15</u>

P. R. WARNER, *President*

M. S. HUTTON, JOHN VAN NEST, GARDNER A. SAGE.	} <i>Directors.</i>
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NEW YORK, 25th May, 1874.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

1873.	Dr.	
May	1 To Balance from last account, being advances for salaries, contingent expenses and repairs on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	\$33,230 44
19	To Cash paid for 500 circulars, postage &c.	24 75
June	2 paid three Professors in the Theological Seminary, on account of the quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	1 275
9	paid insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	105
18	paid Corresponding Delegates for traveling expenses.....	254 58
24	paid Delegates from Particular Synod of Chicago for traveling expenses.....	380
	paid expenses at meeting of General Synod.....	70 85
	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, for one year's salary and expenses.....	26 40
30	paid three Professors in the Theological Seminary, balance of the quarter's salary due 1st inst....	975
July	1 paid insurance on three Professorial Dwellings.....	90
	paid Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., Permanent Clerk of General Synod, for one year's salary, \$100 expenses for two years.....	5 105
Aug	15 paid insurance on the Furniture and Library in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	67 50
Sept.	26 paid Rev. John De Witt, D.D., on account of the quarter's salary, due 1st inst.....	100
Oct.	13 paid do. for balance of quarter's sal.	650
	paid Professors Demarest and Woodbridge \$750 each, for one quarter's salary, due Sept. 1st... ..	1,500
16	paid insurance on the Hertzog Theological Hall.....	127 50
30	paid for circulars for Board of Direction.....	10 50
31	paid for Check Book for Treasurer	9
Nov.	29 paid insurance on James Suydam Hall.....	262 50
Carried forward.....		\$33,230 44

1873		Dr.	
		Brought forward	\$33,230 44
Nov. 29	To Cash	paid insurance on the Library in Hertzog Hall	45
		paid salary of the Janitor and fuel	120
Dec. 19		paid three Professors in the Theo- logical Seminary for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	2,250
		paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod.	250
1874.			
Feb. 7		paid insurance on the Hertzog Theo- logical Hall.	25 61
		paid insurance on the James Suy- dam Ha'l	48 84
		paid insurance on the Library in Hertzog Hall	20 52
Mar. 21		paid three Professors in the Theo- logical Seminary, for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst	2,250
April 20		paid insurance on three Professori- al dwellings.	67 50
30		paid Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D., commission on amount secured for debt of General Synod	64
		paid interest on borrowed money.	52 87
		paid John I. Brower, apportion- ment of salary as Treasurer.	315 50
			11,543 42
			\$44,773 86
		Cr.	
		By Cash received for interest, as follows :	
		on bonds and mortgages.	\$7,524 07
		on bond of G. G. Bergen.	30
		Sioux City and Pacific R. R. bond.	60
		on note.	27 62
		on subscriptions.	345
		on deposits in Trust Co	322
		for assessments on the Classes.	2,200 85
		on subscriptions for meeting the deficiency in the income of Gen- eral Synod for the current year.	2,754
		contributions for debt of General Synod.	890
		from permanent contingent fund.	12 30
			14,165 84
			\$30,608 02

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st 1874.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD, MAY 1, 1874.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

In accordance with resolution of the General Synod, I forward an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised to meet the deficiency in revenues of Synod for the year commencing May 1st 1874.

EXPENSES RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Salaries of three Professors.....	\$9,000
Salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, and expenses	30
Salary of the Janitor of the Hertzog Theological Hall, and fuel..	120
Salary of Treasurer of General Synod, apportionment.....	325
Insurance on Hertzog Hall, James Suydam Hall, Professorial dwellings, and on Furniture and Library in Hertzog Hall..	900
Repairs	1,200
Sundries	250
	<hr/> 11,825
Estimated interest to meet the same	8,750
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Estimated deficiency	\$3,075

OTHER EXPENSES.

Traveling expenses of Delegates from Particular Synod of Chicago	\$396
Traveling expenses of Corresponding Delegates.....	300
Salary and traveling expenses of Stated Clerk	275
Salary and traveling expenses of Permanent Clerk.. . . .	110
Expenses at meeting of Synod.....	80
Sundries	400
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Estimate to meet the same by assessment on the Classes.....	\$1,561

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1874.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

The Committee on the Board of Direction presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on the Board of Direction respectfully present the following report :

The Committee have had the following papers referred to them :

Annual Report of the Board of Direction.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

Annual Digest.

List of Securities belonging to General Synod.

List of Real Estate belonging to General Synod.

List of Endowed Scholarships.

Education Fund Account

Education Fund Income Account.

Expense Account.

The Van Benschoten Fund Account.

Knox Fund Account.

Communication in regard to property of General Synod.

Communication of P. R. Warner, Esq.

Communication of Rev. C. E. Crispell, of Hope College.

The Treasurer reports that he has received, including balance brought forward, \$7,906 50, during the year ending May 1st, 1874

.....\$150,316 24

Paid out and invested during same time..... 130,174 86

Leaving a balance in Treasury, May 1st, 1874..... \$20,141 38

The Van Benschoten Fund amounts to..... \$20,313 57

The Knox Fund amounts to..... 2,000

The Education Fund amounts to..... 88,937 16

The Hope College Endowment Fund amounts to.... 19,469 83

The securities in hands of the Treasurer belonging to
to General Synod amount to..... 410,107 05

The Gardner A. Sage Library Fund amounts to..... 30,000

The Vedder Lecture Fund amounts to..... 10,000

One year's Interest on the same..... 700

In regard to the above interest your Committee would recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be and is hereby authorized to pay the sum of \$700 to the Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, Lecturer on Modern Infidelity for the past year.

The Treasurer reports that the sum of \$1,561 will be required to meet the traveling expenses of Delegates and Corresponding Delegates, and expenses of Synod.

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,561 be apportioned among the several Classes to meet the contingent expenses of Synod.

The estimated deficiency in the expenses of the Theological Seminary for the current year is \$3,075.

Mr. P. R. Warner transmits to the General Synod a carefully prepared and interesting paper in regard to the property and funds belonging to this body, and which are held in trust for the various objects specified; they are estimated at the present time to be about \$400,000, with a probability of soon reaching \$500,000. It is a source of congratulation that not a single loss has been sustained in these funds during the long time they have been held by Synod, an evidence of the care and judgment exercised by those to whom their management has been entrusted.

The Board of Direction, as incorporated in 1819, was composed of *five* members, the Treasurer being one of them. In consequence of an Act passed by the Legislature of New York, 12th March, 1872, the General Synod, at their meeting in June of that year, thought it best to remove the Treasurer from sitting as an acting member of the corporation. The former arrangement facilitated the transaction of business in forming a quorum. In the paper of Mr. Warner, also referred to your Committee, it is suggested that the Treasurer of this Board is not debarred from also sitting as a Director, by a true construction of the law, and it is suggested that Synod restore the former arrangement. Your Committee, however, does not feel prepared to assume the responsibility of recommending a change of the action taken by General Synod in 1872; nor can the vacancy in the Board created by the withdrawal of the Treasurer be filled by the election of another, as the Act of Incorporation recites (see Digest page 34). The Board shall be composed of a "President, *three* Directors, and a Treasurer."

The term of office of Peter R. Warner, as President and Director, expires with the present session of Synod. Mr. Warner's letter, declining a renomination, was also referred to your Committee, but they are unanimous in their opinion that it would be most desirable to have his important services continued. For many years Mr. Warner has been President of the Board, ever active in all its operations, and by his wise counsel and efficient labors rendered a most important service to the whole Church, which they would most gratefully acknowledge.

Your Committee earnestly hope that the Church may continue to enjoy the advantage of Mr. Warner as President of the Board of Direction.

The General Synod of last year handed down the report on mileage. The plan suggested is to raise annually a fund estimated to be about \$3,500 with a view of defraying the traveling expenses of all the Delegates to General Synod, Ministers and Elders, which amount shall be assessed on the several Classes. We would state that it has been usual for each Synod to defray a portion of the traveling expense of some of the Delegates from the West, or distant points, thus partially relieving those to whom it may be most onerous. While considering the creation of a general fund as proposed, in many respects desirable, your Committee fear it would not be found practicable, and recommend that the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Your Committee would also recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That so much of the item of \$1,200 for repairs in the estimate of the Treasurer as represents a balance of debt contracted by the Hertzog Hall Committee, be classed with the debts of General Synod, to be provided for by the financial agent, and not reckoned in the annual expenses.

Resolved, That any excess in the subscriptions made at the last meeting of the General Synod, to provide for estimated deficiency above the actual need, be applied to the expenses of the current year.

Resolved, That the Committee on Endowment co-operating with Professor De Witt be authorized and requested to provide for defi-

ciencies in income to defray the current expenses of the Theological Seminary, so far as it may be practicable.

Your Committee would further recommend that the following resolution presented in the report of the Board of Direction of last year, but overlooked, be passed.

Resolved, That all claims of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America on the pew No. 92, in the Reformed Protestant (Dutch) Church, corner Fifth Avenue and West 29th Street, in the City of New York, occupied in his lifetime by James Suydam, be and are hereby relinquished to Mrs. Charlotte A. Suydam, and that the Board of Direction be authorized to execute any necessary legal document that may be required to effect such object.

In regard to the communication of the Rev. C. E. Crispell, your Committee would recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of \$200, contributed by the Churches of Schoharie and Linlithgow towards the endowment of the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, and inadvertently placed in the account of the Treasurer of General Synod to the credit of the Hope College Endowment Fund, be transferred to the Endowment Fund of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, as originally designed by the donors.

The Consistory of the Reformed Church in Thirty-fourth Street, New York City, at a recent meeting,

Resolved, That an application be made to the General Synod of our Church now in session : "That the Synod will authorize its Board of Direction to consent or join in the execution of any mortgage or mortgages which the said Consistory may hereafter deem it necessary to make and execute in its present corporate name, for an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars."

The reason, on account of which this authority is asked for arises from the nature of the lien on the Church property existing in favor of the General Synod.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Direction of the General Synod be and is hereby authorized and empowered to consent to or join in the execution of a mortgage or mortgages in the amount not ex

ceeding \$10,000, in the manner and for the purpose contemplated in the foregoing application.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL S. JONES,
S. R. W. HEATH,
JAMES A. WILLIAMSON,
WALTER BRETT,
JOHN DORRANCE.

Resolved, That Peter R. Warner, Robert H. Pruyn, and George S. Stitt be a Committee to secure such legislative action as may be necessary to restore the Treasurer of the General Synod to active membership in the Board of Corporation.

The Committee appointed last year (p. 666) to act in connection with Prof. De Witt, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to act in connection with Professor De Witt in maturing plans and soliciting contributions for the Endowment Fund, respectfully report, that having examined carefully the terms and connection of the resolution by which they were appointed, they have judged the duty assigned to them to be that of acting in connection with Professor De Witt, and in harmony with the Board of Direction and its agent or agents in the effort to procure the sum of \$80,000, the income of which, according to the report of the Board of Direction, presented at the last meeting of Synod, "is needed to provide for the payment of the salaries of the Professors of the Theological Seminary as at present fixed, and contingent expenses of Synod."

At the last meeting of Synod, there seemed to be good ground for the hope that by earnest effort the whole sum required might be procured within the space of a single year; the prompt and liberal responses made on the floor of Synod and by members of Synod to the call for funds to meet exigencies then pressing, and the reports of generous contributions made by others at the same time, gave abundant evidence that there was no lack of love for the Church in the hearts of her children, and that when her honor and interests were at stake their gifts would not be withheld.

But within a very few months after the meeting of Synod there came the terrible financial storm, the disastrous effects of which are still felt throughout the land; from many who had the will to give the ability to give was suddenly taken away.

At the very outset of their deliberations, the Committee were compelled to face this discouraging fact, and to shape their measures accordingly. At first it was proposed to make a general and earnest appeal, so far as practicable, to all our Churches and congregations; but after careful consultation, the Committee were forced to the conclusion that the times were most unpropitious for such an appeal, and that it would be a wiser policy, at least for the present, to make application only to such individuals as even in the time of prevailing distress might be so prospered as to be able to respond with a "reasonable degree of generosity."

This latter policy accordingly was adopted. It is but just to say that on account of his recognized qualifications the work has been confided for the most part to the hands of Professor John De Witt. As the result mainly of his labors, in cordial co-operation with Dr. Lansing, the financial agent of the Board of Direction, subscriptions have been procured amounting to nearly \$40,000, some of which are payable only when the full \$80,000 is subscribed. Of this amount about \$23,000 have been subscribed either on condition or with the expressed desire on the part of the subscribers, that the sums contributed by them be applied to the endowment of a professorship, which shall bear the honored name of the revered and beloved father who has so recently passed from earthly toil to heavenly rest, the Rev. Thomas De Witt.

To this extent the Committee are able to report progress, and they leave it to the wisdom of Synod to decide whether the Committee shall be continued for another year.

In view of the facts already stated they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the second professorship in the Theological Seminary shall hereafter be known as "The Thomas De Witt Professorship of Sacred Literature."

2. *Resolved*, That whenever contributions made for the purpose of endowing the said professorship, and thus of honoring one whose memory is so precious, shall amount to the sum of \$30,000, such

sum shall be kept sacredly apart, and shall be known as "The Thomas De Witt Professorial Fund," and the income therefrom shall be used solely for the payment of the salary of the Professor of Sacred Literature, and the remainder of said salary, as now fixed by Synod, shall be supplied, as at present, from the income of the Permanent Seminary Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. P. VAN GIESON, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the above Committee be continued for another year.

Mr. Peter R. Warner was re-elected President of the Board of Direction for the full term of five years.

Mr. John I. Brower was re-elected Treasurer of the General Synod.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Reports were received from Rev. A. G. Vermilye, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, from Rev. Charles S. Hageman, delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, from Rev. Wm. Reiley, delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Rev. George J. Van Neste, delegate to the Canada Presbyterian Church.

The credentials of Rev. John R. McDougall, as delegate from the Evangelization Committee of the Free Christian Church of Italy, were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. John R. McDougall appeared, and addressed the Synod on the afternoon of the sixth day of the session.

The credentials of Rev. James O. Murray, D.D., and of Rev. John Hall, D.D., delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Drs. Murray and Hall appeared, and addressed the Synod on the afternoon of the sixth day of the session.

The credentials of Rev. W. Hull, delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Church, were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Mr. Hull appeared, and addressed the Synod on the evening of the fourth day of the session.

A fraternal letter was received from Rev. J. H. Wilson and Rev. James C. Burns, delegates from the Free Church of Scotland, to visit this Synod, stating reasons for their inability to attend, and presenting the congratulations of that body, and was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The communication was accompanied with a copy of the Proceedings and Debates, and also a copy of the principal Acts of the General Assembly.

By a vote of Synod, the Committee on Correspondence was instructed to bring in a resolution with a view to open a correspondence with the Reformed Episcopal Church.

The credentials of Rev. B. M. Smith, D.D., and Rev. H. C. Alexander, D.D., alternate, as delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South) were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Dr. Smith appeared, and addressed the Synod on the evening of the eighth day, and remained until the evening of the ninth day, when he took his leave in a brief farewell address, which was responded to by the President.

The credentials of Rev. William Wylie, delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Rev. Mr. Wylie appeared, and addressed the Synod on the sixth day of the session.

The following communication from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, containing the action of the Assembly in reference to the complaint of the General Synod against the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, was presented by the Rev. Dr. Murray, one of the delegates from the General Assembly, received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Extract from the Minutes of the General Assembly.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the complaint of the delegates of the Reformed Church against the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, have attentively considered the facts and principles pertaining to the case, and now respectfully report :

The essential facts appear to be the following. Happily there is no disagreement in the statement of them on the two sides.

1. The Presbytery, on the 9th of June last, received under its care a congregation who had until that time been under the care of a Classis of the Reformed Church, and had been known as the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia and united it with the Western Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, giving the new organization the name of Immanuel Church.

2. On Nov. 17th, 1873, the Presbytery received, as a member, Rev. Charles Wadsworth, a member until then of the Classis of Philadelphia, the Classis having refused to grant him letters of dismission.

The delegate of the Reformed Church, as instructed by the General Synod, presents these facts to the consideration of the General Assembly, alleging that the action of the Presbytery "is not in accordance with the friendly spirit of the terms of the correspondence which exists between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the General Synod of the Reformed Church."

The grounds on which the delegate bases this allegation are the following :

1. That the congregation was received by the Presbytery "separately from the pastor," who "had taken no active part in the proceedings." This act of the Presbytery is regarded by the General Synod as an assumption of the power to dissolve the pastoral relation between one of their ministers and his congregation. They hold this to be a violation of the Article of our Correspondence, which declares that "the ministers of one shall not in any case intrude upon the office of the ministers of the other Church."

2. That "this was done at the instance of a congregational meeting." "In other words, it admitted the right of that congregation, at its own will and pleasure, and without the pastor, to withdraw from its chosen church relation."

3. That this was done on the ex-parte statement of the Commissioners from the congregation, without consulting the Classis, and without verifying the Commissioners' statement, by the records of the Consistory or otherwise.

4. That all this "was done without regard to property rights."

We understand our brethren's claim to be, that the congregation, not being independent but "a member of an ecclesiastical organization," viz: the Reformed Church, its property must "remain in that organization, unless, perhaps, there be none to *dispute* its possession." Such they affirm to be "the ruling of the Supreme Court."

On the part of the Presbytery, it is set forth in their records :

1. That "it has been a matter of common conversation in Philadelphia for several years, that the Third Reformed Church contemplated making this change."

2. That "the time came, in 1873, when the congregation thought that such a change was desirable and absolutely essential to their existence as a Church."

3. That, (as they were assured by the Commissioners from the congregation) the Consistory of the Church, the Grand Consistory, and the Joint Consistory, successively convened for the purpose, *unanimously* recommended to the congregation this change of ecclesiastical relations ; and that subsequently the congregation, regularly and constitutionally convened, adopted that recommendation.

4. That any application to the Classis for its consent, was deemed wholly useless, insomuch as in a similar case the Classis had recently declared that "it could find nothing in the Constitution to justify *authoritative action*."

5. That the Presbytery being well acquainted with the situation and the field, sincerely and firmly believed, and do still believe, that the transfer of the Third Reformed Church to its care, and its union with the Presbyterian Church to which it has been united, was of essential importance to the cause of Christ ; and that the reversal of this action would be disastrous to the sacred interests involved.

Your Committee, after attentive study of the case, reach the following conclusion :

1. There was no reason to think that the Presbytery had any disposition to encroach upon the province of the Classis, or to disturb either the pastoral or ecclesiastical relations of one of its congregations.

They appear simply to have been willing to receive, in brotherly love, a congregation and a minister who wished to come to them

from a sister Church, to whose judicatory no unkindness and no discourtesy was intended, and with which the Presbytery desired the most cordial friendship.

2. The Presbytery seems to us to have erred in not directly consulting the Classis, so as to make sure that there had been no mistake as to the facts; and that the fraternal spirit in which the Presbytery desired to act might have been manifest to the Classis from the beginning.

3. While we regret this unintended lack of courtesy on the part of the Presbytery, we cannot deny the right of a congregation, or of a minister, to withdraw from the jurisdiction of either a Classis or a Presbytery, for reasons such as those alleged in this case. To forbid this would seem to us "not in accordance with the friendly spirit of the terms of the correspondence" between the two bodies, and an injurious abridgement of congregational and ministerial liberty.

4. The question of property is to be left to the civil tribunal. The Assembly exhorts the congregation to submit to it frankly and unreservedly, and by no means to imperil spiritual interests by protracted or strenuous litigation.

5. The Assembly cannot regard the act of the Classis, in deposing Dr. Wadsworth, after his reception to membership in the Presbytery, in the state of facts already recited, as impairing his good standing in the Church and the ministry.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee,

H. A. NELSON, *Chairman*.

Ordered to be communicated to the General Synod.

EDWIN F. HATFIELD,

Stated Clerk of Assembly.

The report of the Synod's Committee of Conference was received, giving account of the results of its conferences with the Committees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South), and of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (North), and reporting progress in regard to the conference with the German

Reformed Church; and a minority report from the same Committee was received in reference to the conference with the Committee of the Presbyterian Church (North). These were accepted, and ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod.

The consideration of these Reports having been made the order of the day for the morning of the seventh day of the session, they were then taken up. That part of the Committee's Report relating to the Southern Church and the Reformed (German) Church was temporarily laid upon the table, and Synod proceeded to the discussion of that portion referring to the Presbyterian Church North. The Chairman of the Committee offered the following preamble and resolution, which the Synod received, and proceeded to discuss:

"Whereas, this Synod is officially informed by the delegation from the Presbyterian General Assembly (North), that that Assembly has unanimously resolved to continue for one year its Committee of Conference with this Synod,

Resolved, That the Conference be continued for one year on the part of this Synod, and that — be a Committee for that purpose."

Pending the discussion an amendment was offered, and seconded, that the Conference be continued for one year, for the purpose of conferring upon the adjustment and revision of the Articles of Correspondence.

A second amendment, as follows, was then offered and adopted:

Whereas, this Synod is constrained to believe that our Church is not prepared to effect an organic union with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, therefore,

Resolved, That on this ground we must decline the appointment of a Committee to continue the Conference held so pleasantly with the Committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Resolved, That in deferring action on this subject till the indications of Divine Providence shall have shown our Church ready for such movements as may lead to union, if that time shall ever come, we take special care to express our affection for, and our confidence in the Presbyterian Church, which has in a manner so courteous and honorable to ourselves, made overtures to us on this subject.

Resolved, That our delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, be instructed

to lay before that esteemed body a proposition to appoint a Committee to meet with a Committee of the Synod of our Church, to revise our Articles of Correspondence, with a view of giving practical expression to the close relations of our respective Churches in sentiment and polity, as well as to secure better co-operation in the work given us as sister branches of the Church of Christ.

On the adoption of this amendment the ayes and nays were demanded, and recorded as follows :

Ayes.—P. Van Wyck, D. L. Wright, Philip Peltz, J. F. Harris, J. B. Alliger, W. H. Ten Eyck, Isaac Amberman, D. S. Sutphen, C. R. Blauvelt, J. R. Bennett, Ransford Wells, James Wood, J. B. Steele, A. R. Thompson, J. F. Shaw, John Lyon, John Simonson, L. H. Van Dyke, R. H. Pruyn, J. W. Patterson, Wm. W. Brush, J. Whitbeck, A. D. Campbell, A. J. Hageman, Abram Hees, A. H. Brush, Abraham Marshall, John C. Viele, J. C. Lowe, N. Vischer, J. H. Freligh, Henry E. Legg, M. A. Mareness, A. Thompson, C. Rhynsbarger, A. Buursma, Wm. R. Gordon, Ralph Voorhees, Wm. R. Duryee, Jas. L. Amerman, Chas. S. Hageman, Wm. Reiley, Jas. A. Williamson, Edward P. Terhune, Henry Vehslage, Saml. W. Jones, S. R. W. Heath, Jacob L. Sutphen, Richard H. Steele, John Foster, John H. Duryea, H. V. Voorhees, John I. Ackerman, Theo. F. Chambers, D. S. Jones, Charles H. Pool, Rynier H. Veghte, John Rodman.—Total 58.

Nays.—D. S. Schoonmaker, Alex. McKelvey, Danl. V. Weeks, E. P. Ingersoll, C. H. Sampson, D. Van Derveer, H. D. Ganse, Isaac Riley, Jonathan Sturges, Abraham C. Wood, Andrew S. Schoonmaker, A. P. Van Geison, C. W. Fritts, A. P. Peeke, Edwin Hill, Walter Brett, M. K. Fowler, H. Slauson, George H. Peeke, A. M. Mann, A. F. Munn, O. Lampman, R. M. Stanbrough, J. B. Drury, John G. Smart, S. T. Cole, George I. Taylor, W. W. Letson, W. H. Phraner, S. H. Cobb, W. L. James, Wm. M. Brink, A. H. Van Vranken, Jos. Mayou, P. S. Brokaw, H. Uiterwyk, W. Moerdyk, E. Vander Hart, J. Howard Suydam, P. V. Van Buskirk, Wm. H. Van Doren, Luther H. Van Doren, Edward T. Corwin, Goyn Talmage, John W. Ferdon, Edo Kipp, J. Henry Whitehead, Wm. B. Voorhees, Isaac Collier, James Van Zandt, David Krus n, Wm. Pitcher.—Total 52.

The question was then put on the preamble and resolution as thus amended, and they were adopted. The Ayes and Nays were called for, and found to be precisely as recorded above, except that Rev. Hiram Slauson, and Elder D. Van Derveer changed their votes from the negative to the affirmative, making the vote affirmative 60, and negative 50.

Rev. Abraham Messler, Rev. Paul T. Deyo and Elder John Dorrance, having been absent when the vote was taken, requested to be recorded as desiring to vote in the affirmative, which request was granted.

The following resolutions were also adopted :

Resolved, That the consideration of the majority and the minority reports in relation to conference with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (North) be indefinitely postponed; but for the information of the Churches, the reports be printed in an appendix to the Minutes of Synod.

The following paper containing the action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South), on the Report of the joint Committee of Conference on the subject of closer relations, was received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following is a true copy of the paper adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States, in reference to the report of the Committee appointed by the General Assembly, of 1873, to confer with the Committee of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Committee appointed to consider and report upon the plan submitted to the General Assembly, by the Committees of Conference of the Reformed Church, and the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and which provides for "more intimate communion and co-operation between these Christian Denominations," and looks to the establishment of "closer relations" between the two bodies, respectfully report, that they have discharged that pleasing duty, and recommend the adoption of the following minute, as expressive of the sense of the Assembly.

Resolved, 1. That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States has cause for solemn and devout gratitude to God, for the numerous tokens of Divine favor and approval which have marked this negotiation through all its stages,

from its first inception to the present hour; and especially for the spirit of amity and Christian fellowship, of mutual forbearance, fraternal love and confidence, which have been vouchsafed to the members of the joint Committees of Conference, and which have attended all their deliberations to a harmonious issue in the plan of co-operation which has been submitted to the two Churches as embodying the result of their complete action.

Resolved, 2. That the aforesaid plan be, and the same is hereby heartily adopted entire (except as to the number of delegates) by this Assembly, as the basis of an "intimate co-operative alliance," such as is therein set forth; an union, not organic, but nevertheless an union real and practical; one which it is believed will, under the Divine blessing, prove to be "comfortable and useful" to the two bodies that at length are happily brought into effective concert, and which, it is hoped, will redound to the honor and glory of the great Head of the Church. And in accordance therewith the General Assembly will now appoint one minister and one elder, with alternates, as corresponding members to meet said Reformed Synod at its next convention, in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on the first Wednesday in June, 1874, should they approve and adopt said "Plan of Co-operation."

Resolved, 3. That, in accordance with the provisions of this Plan, the various questions touching the details of co operation are referred to our Committees on Education, Publication, Foreign Missions, and Sustentation respectively, who shall report as soon as practicable to this Committee of Conference, hereby reappointed, and that the Committee shall consider and digest the information so obtained, with a view to continue the Conference to such an end as shall be most to the glory of God, and the interest of both denominations.

Adopted by the General Assembly at Columbus, Mississippi, May 30th, 1874.

WILLIAM BROWN,

Permanent Clerk.

The report of the Committee of Conference in reference to the Presbyterian Church (South), and the German Church, was taken from the table, and after being amended as to the number of delegates to be sent to the Southern Church, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed by the General Synod of 1873, "to take into consideration the whole subject of union, federal and organic, and to confer with the Committees appointed by the General Assemblies North and South, and the Reformed (German) Church," beg leave to report:

That they have had a very full, frank and interesting conference with the Committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (the Southern Assembly). The object of this conference was defined by the resolutions of the General Assembly to be to ascertain in what manner "more intimate relations" might be established between these two Churches, and "what ought to be the nature and extent" of such relations. The result of this enquiry is communicated in the following paper which was adopted by each of the conferring Committees:

"The Committee appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and the Committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to 'consider carefully the matter of the desirableness and feasibility' of establishing closer relations between the Churches aforesaid, met, according to previous arrangement, in the city of New York, on Friday, the 27th day of February, 1874. After a careful and protracted consideration of the whole subject committed to their charge, they were led to a cordial and unanimous agreement in the plan set forth in the paper here reported, and recommended for adoption, as follows:

"The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in providing a plan for more intimate co-operation between these Christian denominations, judge it to be a suitable occasion for making the following declaration:

"1. That the standards of doctrine in both Churches have always been recognized as orthodox expositions and noble monuments of the faith professed by the Reformed Churches to which they belong: that is to say, for the Reformed Church in America, the Belgic Confession, the Articles of the Synod of Dort, and the Heidelberg Catechism; and for the Presbyterian Church, the Confession of Faith of the Westminster Assembly, together with the

Larger and Shorter Catechisms; and in forming closer relations with each other, it is with the solemn purpose of striving together, and of strengthening our hands to uphold the doctrines of these venerable symbols, and of maintaining them in the plain sense in which they have been received and interpreted from the first.

"2. Should anything be found in the proceedings of either of our bodies in times past which might be regarded as inconsistent with the principle that the Church of Jesus Christ is a spiritual kingdom, and not secular or political, and that ecclesiastical courts are to handle and conclude only ecclesiastical matters, such action shall not be pleaded as a precedent in anything connected with the scheme of co-operation herein provided for.

"3. That the close agreement between the doctrinal standards of the two Churches, and the general agreement of their forms of government and rules of discipline, together with their steadfast adherence to the same, present a solid and satisfactory basis of strong mutual confidence, which confidence has been much confirmed by their recent intercourse and experience of fraternal sympathy and kindness.

"4. That we fully recognize it to be the duty of the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ to seek and embrace all proper means of manifesting such degree of unity in the faith of the Gospel as may exist among them; and that this unity may, in our view, be effectually manifested by us in the absence of outward ecclesiastical uniformity, with which it ought never to be confounded, and which ought never to be purchased at the cost of truth.

"While some considerable obstacles are found for the present to the formation of an organic union between these denominations, yet cordially agreeing in the above declaration, we have good reason to believe that the way is happily opened, under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit and holy providence, for such intimate co-operative alliance as will prove comfortable and useful on both sides.

"The provisions of the plan shall embrace the following particulars:

"1. With a view of expressing more emphatically the unity now existing, as well as promoting it still further, instead of the former system of delegates, a delegation consisting of one minister

and one elder shall be sent annually from the General Synod to the meeting of the General Assembly, and a similar delegation from the General Assembly to the meeting of the General Synod, which delegation shall be expected to sit and deliberate throughout the sessions of these bodies, respectively, endeavoring especially to further all those interests in which the two Churches co-operate.

"2. A vacant congregation shall be at liberty to call a minister from either of the Churches, according to the order established in that Church to which he may be called; and he shall conform to the order of the Church to which he is transferred.

"3. Where particular Churches of either body are in locations much more convenient for a connection with a Classis or Presbytery belonging to the other, it is recommended to them to seek a transfer in such a way as shall be in conformity with the regulations of both denominations. And whenever it may be deemed advisable for students of theology of either body to pursue their studies in institutions of the other, it will be regarded with hearty approbation by both. And students who have pursued a full course of study in the Theological Seminaries of either Church, shall be placed on an equal footing before the Presbyteries and Classes of the other.

"It is believed that a valuable co-operation may be secured in regard to the most of those schemes of benevolence in which both Churches are engaged. As the extent to which this may be most judiciously carried can be ascertained only by careful conference and experiment, many of the details must be left for future agreement. The following is adopted as indicating what may be initiated at the present time:

"1. In regard to Foreign Missions: We express the idea that it will probably most promote the glory of God that there should not be separate denominational interests permanently established where our Missions are or may be planted within reach of each other; but the establishment of one united Church should be encouraged. But it deserves to be carefully considered whether in our whole work of Foreign Missions a complete fusion be not advisable. It is therefore agreed that the entire subject shall be referred to the Board and Committee in the two Churches having charge of these interests, with instructions to devise plans, if deemed practicable, in accordance with these suggestions.

"2. In regard to Domestic Missions, especially in the aspect of *evangelistic work*: It is judged expedient to refer this whole subject also to the appropriate Board and Committee of the two Churches for their consideration, as provided for above in the matter of Foreign Missions. It may be suitable, however, to declare at this time our conviction of the great importance of this work in both Churches, and especially of that form of it which presents itself within the bounds of the General Assembly, in behalf of the large and needy colored population.

"3. In regard to Publication, it is agreed that each Committee or Board shall furnish the other with its publications; and the two publishing houses shall act as depositaries, each for the other, as far as practicable. But the details of this arrangement, and the commercial terms, shall be left to the Board and the Committee having charge of these interests. This whole matter also is referred by the General Synod and the General Assembly to the appropriate Board and Committee, to consider whether the two agencies may not be fused into one.

"It is further recommended to the General Synod and to the General Assembly to continue these negotiations so happily begun, through a Committee of conference appointed by each, who shall be jointly instructed to receive by January 1st, 1875, the plans prepared by the Boards and Committees, as hereinbefore provided, with a view to modify as far as necessary and harmonize them all in one comprehensive scheme of co-operative union; which scheme shall be submitted to the Synod and to the Assembly respectively, at their annual sessions in 1875.

"The provisions of this agreement, or any part thereof, shall be in force from the time of their adoption by both the General Synod and the General Assembly."

This Committee was also appointed to confer with the Committee of conference contemplated by the action taken by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States in its session at Cincinnati in 1872. That action authorized the five district Synods of the (German) Reformed Church to appoint three members each of a Committee of fifteen, by which General Committee the conference with our Church should be conducted. Your Committee is informed, though not officially, that each of the five dis-

trict Synods has acted under the resolution above described, so that the Committee of fifteen is duly appointed. No notice of its organization, however, has been received, nor has your Committee known of any Chairman of that Committee through whom a conference with it could be secured.

Adopted by the Committee, and respectfully submitted.

H. D. GANSE, *Chairman*.

E. T. CORWIN, *Secretary*.

NOTE.—The Synod's Committee of Conference appointed in 1873, consisted of the following: *Ministers*, H. D. Ganse, J. Elmendorf, A. B. Van Zandt, P. D. Van Cleef, E. S. Porter, E. T. Corwin, A. G. Vermilye, W. R. Gordon, R. Pieters, A. P. Van Gieson, R. W. Clark, W. Ormiston, W. J. R. Taylor, P. Peltz. *Elders*, R. H. Pruyn, F. T. Frelinghuysen, F. Hughson, W. J. Bacon, Jonathan Sturges, S. R. W. Heath. Two of the above, namely, Rev. R. Pieters, and Rev. R. W. Clark, D.D., have never sat with the Committee, nor in any way acted with it. They have sent however, courteous and adequate explanation of their absence.

At the conference with the Southern Committee there were present: *Ministers*, H. D. Ganse, J. Elmendorf, A. B. Van Zandt, P. D. Van Cleef, E. T. Corwin, A. G. Vermilye, W. R. Gordon, A. P. Van Gieson, W. Ormiston, W. J. R. Taylor, P. Peltz. *Elders*, F. Hughson, W. J. Bacon, Jonathan Sturges, S. R. W. Heath, (15). The approval of the joint report, (see above,) was unanimous in both Committees.

At the conference with the Northern Committee, fourteen members were present, whose names will appear in the following record of the vote on the joint report, (which report see in appendix.)

For the joint report.—*Ministers*, H. D. Ganse, J. Elmendorf, E. S. Porter, E. T. Corwin, A. P. Van Gieson, W. Ormiston, W. J. R. Taylor. *Elders*, W. J. Bacon, Jonathan Sturges, (9).

Against the joint report.—*Ministers*, A. B. Van Zandt, W. R. Gordon. *Elders*, F. T. Frelinghuysen, R. H. Pruyn, (4).

Excused from voting.—*Elder*, S. R. W. Heath.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report: That there have been referred to us the credentials of the various Corresponding Delegates who have appeared and addressed the Synod; also a letter from Rev. J. A. Williamson, Delegate from the United Presbyterian Church, saluting the Synod. Likewise the credentials of the Delegates of the Free Church of Scotland, accompanied by a letter to the Synod, regretting their inability to attend our session.

None of these papers call for action on the part of the Synod, save the last, therefore,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk forward a copy of the printed Minutes of this Synod to the Free Church of Scotland; and that he acknowledge by letter the receipt of correspondence and publications from that body; expressing regret also that this Synod could not be visited by the Delegates of the Free Church.

Reports have been received from the following Delegates to Corresponding bodies: From Rev. Wm. Reiley, appointed to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; from Rev. C. S. Hageman, to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; from Rev. A. G. Vermilye, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; and from Rev. G. J. Van Neste, Delegate to the Canada Presbyterian Church. In the last named report we are informed of movements to unite the branches of the Presbyterian Church in that Dominion.

The Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South), has presented the action of that Assembly in regard to the plan for closer relations between that Assembly and this Synod. On this subject we advise as follows, in the language adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South):

Resolved, That the aforesaid plan be, and the same is hereby adopted entire, (except as to the number of Delegates) by the Synod, as the basis of an "intimate co-operative alliance," such as is therein set forth; a union, not organic, but nevertheless a union real and practical; one which it is believed will, under the Divine blessing prove to be "comfortable and useful" to the two bodies that at length are happily brought into effective concert, and which, it is

hoped, will redound to the honor and glory of the Great Head of the Church, and in accordance therewith the General Synod will now appoint one minister and one elder, with alternates, as corresponding members, to meet said General Assembly at its next annual session.

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of the plan, the various questions touching the details of co-operation, are referred to our Boards of Education, Publication, Foreign Missions, and Domestic Missions, respectively, who shall report as soon as practicable to this Committee of Conference, hereby reappointed, and that the Committee shall consider and digest the information so obtained, with a view to continue the conference to such an end as shall be most to the glory of God, and the interests of both denominations.

One of the Delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (North) has laid before us the action of that body in regard to the subject which our Delegate, under the instructions of the Synod, laid before the Assembly, viz: the action of the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia in regard to the membership and property of the Third Reformed Church in Philadelphia. The Delegate accompanied the document containing this action with some remarks in regard to the action of our Delegate, and further affirming the desire of the Assembly to deal justly in the premises. Our Delegate has presented a full report of his remarks before the Assembly, which has been referred to your Committee for consideration.

The Committee propose the following action:

Resolved, That the action of our Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. of America, in presenting the case of the Third Church of Philadelphia to the General Assembly itself, and not to any committee thereof, was strictly in accordance with his instructions, and meets the hearty approval of this Synod.

Resolved, That the Synod had hoped for a different expression from the Assembly, but the present aspect of the case does not permit the Synod to pursue the subject, which has always been distasteful to us, as involving controversy with brethren so dearly beloved.

Resolved, That we fully appreciate the disposition of the Assembly to treat our complaint with fairness, in so far as the Assembly rebukes the Presbytery, and exhorts the members of the Church constituted in part out of some of the members of the Third Reformed Church, to submit all questions of property to the civil tribunal "frankly and unreservedly, and by no means to imperil spiritual interests by protracted and strenuous litigation."

A letter has been received from a Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, appointed "to correspond with sister Churches holding by the Westminster Standards, with the view of bringing about an Œcumenical Council of such Churches to consider subjects of common interest to all, and especially to promote harmony of action in the mission fields at home and abroad." The Committee of the Assembly proposes to this Synod, which is regarded as "holding by the Westminster Standards," to appoint a Committee to correspond or confer "with like Committees of other Presbyterian bodies, as to the time, place and manner of holding such council."

The following action is proposed to the Synod :

Resolved, That a Committee of five persons be appointed by the President of this Synod to represent the Synod in arranging the time, place, and manner of holding such council.

Your Committee has been instructed to submit a resolution with a view to opening a correspondence with the Reformed Episcopal Church in America ; accordingly the following is proposed for the adoption of the Synod :

Resolved, That this Synod expresses cordial sympathy with the efforts of the Reformed Episcopal Church to establish and perpetuate pure and spiritual worship, and recognizes with pleasure the ministry and membership of that Church, as forming with ourselves, and all our brethren of Christ's household, a part of the true Church of God upon earth.

Resolved, That to express this feeling more strongly, the Synod will appoint at this session, a Delegate to convey to the Convention of the Reformed Episcopal Church our Christian salutations, and that our Delegate suggest the expediency of an annual correspondence by delegates between that Convention and this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

PH. PELTZ, *Chairman*.

The following persons were appointed as the Committee to represent the General Synod in arranging the time, place, and manner of holding an Ecumenical Council: Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, Rev. Philip Peltz, and Elders William J. Bacon and John W. Ferdon.

Resolved, That this Synod continue its Committee of Conference, to confer in accordance with its present action with the Presbyterian Assembly (South), and the Reformed Church in the United States.

Resolved, That while this Synod has declined to continue conference with the General Assembly of the Northern Presbyterian Church on the basis of effecting an organic union, it directs its Committee of Conference, which it has now voted to continue, to confer with the Committee of the General Assembly, (North,) in regard to any co-operation with that Assembly, within the limits of the arrangement already made with the Southern Assembly.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following were appointed :

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America :—Rev. M. S. Hutton, *Primarius* ; Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, *Secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South) :—Rev. H. D. Ganse, and *Elder*, Jonathan Sturges *Primarii* ; Rev. Edward P. Ingersoll, and *Elder*, S. R. W. Heath, *Secundi*.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church :—Rev. John H. Luryea, *Primarius* ; Rev. J. Howard Suydam, *Secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church :—Rev. Isaac Riley, *Primarius* ; Rev. Alfred H. Brush, *Secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church :—Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, *Primarius* ; Rev. John Gaston, *Secundus*.

To the Canada Presbyterian Church :—Rev. William Ormiston, *Primarius* ; Rev. David Inglis, *Secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church :—Rev. John McC. Holmes, *Primarius* ; Rev. Edward T. Corwin, *Secundus*.

Resolved, That as it is impracticable at present to secure delegates who will be likely to attend the sessions of the Churches abroad, the President and Clerk of Synod be and hereby are authorized to give credentials to any suitable delegates, clerical and lay, who may be abroad at the time, and who may represent us, and return our hearty salutations to the Churches of Italy and Scotland.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee have compared the statistical records of the present and the last year ; they have also carefully examined the Minutes of the Particular Synods. From these sources they are enabled to set forth a general view of the religious condition of the whole Church.

The year has been marked by the peculiarity that in some sections there have been great and blessed revivals of God's work, while in others the extreme lethargy of the people has been a cause of anxious concern to their spiritual overseers. Here and there, in places far distant from each other, in individual Churches in the same city, upon fields for long time utterly barren, without other than the ordinary means of grace, the Spirit has descended with power, and souls have been converted by scores. From this reflection, Christ's ministers and people may take heart, and strengthen their faith, and renew their zeal, since it is herein evident that no service for the Master goes unrewarded ; no prayer unanswered ; no sermon without its effect for good, and that in His own way and time He gathers in His harvests.

Your Committee are permitted to report a slight increase in the number of our Churches ; they also find comfort and encouragement in that the total number of communicants exceeds that of any former year ; the falling away of Churches one after another into other ecclesiastical bodies, or into utter extinction, presents a subject demanding the exercise of the combined wisdom of the ablest members of our Zion. We dare not close our eyes to the truth. What

are the causes, and what the remedy, are questions readily suggested but not within the province of your Committee to attempt an answer.

That the total membership of the Church at large is in excess of that ever before reported certainly gives encouragement to a long cherished opinion that the Lord is preserving her for the accomplishment of some great work; whether it be that as a denomination she is to remain as the conservator of good order and sound doctrine amid the distractions of kindred denominations, and so to furnish a place of refuge for their distressed membership, as was our fatherland to the persecuted of other nations, or whether it be that we are to step forward with name and customs and doctrinal standards intact, to become the mediator between different branches of Churches of the same faith and order as our own, and with them hand in hand to carry forward the work of our Master, are also questions pertinent and pressing; the Church is the special object of God's care; he has kept her; she is the promulgator of the truth, and that truth will prevail while we wait patiently to see his salvation.

The increase in the number of ministers is also a cheering feature of the reports; the field is large enough for many more. We contemplate the multitudes of people sending out the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," and it is with joy that we hear the response, "Here am I, send me." The Church needs more to take the places of those so rapidly falling by the shafts of death.

And the foreign and domestic fields alike require more men filled with the spirit of the Master, who shall labor specially as Missionaries of the Cross. O, for more Hannah's to consecrate their sons from their birth to the service of the sanctuary! And why may we not expect recruits from the ranks of our young men of spirit, intelligence, piety, and wealth, who shall feel that the noblest calling on earth is that of the Christian ministry.

Your Committee would invite the attention of pastors and parents to this most important subject.

The contributions to objects of benevolence are less than reported last year; the reason is obviously the prostrated condition of the finances of the country, so that we may not conclude that the people have become in the least indifferent to the claims of the Church and general charities.

Your Committee would, however, remind the ministry not to cease inculcating the spirit of liberality that the people may "abound in this grace also," in addition to those which in God's catalogue are mentioned as making up the adornments of a Christian character.

We append a few statistics comparing the present with the past year :

No. of Churches, 1873, 481 ; 1874, 483—a gain of 2. Members received on Confession, 1873, 3,331 ; 1874, 4,040—a gain of 709. Total number of Communicants, 1873, 67,123 ; 1874, 69,150—a gain of 2,027. Contributions to Benevolent Objects, 1873, \$276,836 ; 1874, \$276,031.01—a decrease of \$805. Congregational purposes, 1873, \$1,057,428 ; 1874, \$931,010.41—a decrease of \$126,417.59. Total Contributions, 1873, \$1,334,264 ; 1874, \$1,207,041.42—a decrease of \$127,222.58. No. of Ministers, 1873, 505 ; 1874, 526—a gain of 21.

Your Committee are obliged to notice the sad inroads made in the ranks of our ministry during the past year by death. We cannot mention the names without emotion, nor can we fail to find in the announcement a warning to work while the day lasts, before the night cometh when no man can work ; the list is as follows :

William Demarest, of the Classis of Albany.

Isaac Ferris, Charles Whitehead, Thomas De Witt, of the Classis of N. Y.

Herman Vedder, of the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

Stephen Mershon, of the Classis of New Brunswick.

Jacob Fehrman, of the Classis of Raritan.

Edwin Holmes, of the Classis of Hudson.

Your Committee recommend the following :

Resolved, That we record our thankfulness to God for his manifest favor in the preservation of our Church, and in the signal outpouring of his Spirit in the conversion of so many souls, and we regard this as a mark of his approbation upon the faithful presentation of evangelical truth.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HOWARD SUYDAM, *Chairman*.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Number of Families		On Confession		On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion		Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes			
				Rec'd	On Confession															
First Albany	R. W. Clark	268	89	29	7	1	12	5	807	16	8	.....	2	900	\$6,954	71	\$9,600	Albany, N. Y.	
Second Albany	D. K. Bartlett	175	6	2	5	10	6	228	11	1	.....	1	263	1,061	49	5,500	Albany, N. Y.		
Third Albany	D. K. Van Doren	80	6	2	10	.....	6	145	14	8	.....	1	259	62	80	1,564	Albany, N. Y.	
Fourth Albany	J. F. Neef	65	10	1	.....	.....	1	141	14	.....	50	.....	1	125	136	73	1,876	Albany, N. Y.
Holland Albany	A. Zwerner	88	5	5	2	1	1	95	10	1	50	.....	1	.....	117	83	2,388	Albany, N. Y.
Second Berne	W. H. Ballagh	70	7	2	4	2	4	131	4	4	25	.....	5	330	298	73	2,135	Knox, Albany Co.	
First Bethlehem	W. J. Skillman	150	4	2	8	.....	8	226	14	1	.....	1	150	240	.....	.....	1,665	Albany, N. Y.
Second Bethlehem	J. L. Pearse	90	1	.....	6	.....	2	166	6	.....	20	.....	1	43	150	.....	800	Adams Sta., Albany Co.
Clarksville	N. Pearse	25	2	4	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	30	.....	1	102	984	40	895	Clarksville, " "
Coeymans	J. A. H. Cornell	105	2	8	5	1	.....	147	.....	22	.....	1	50	55	91	1,347	Coeymans, " "	
Jerusalem	E. Vedder	85	65	5	1	.....	1	165	5	.....	2	.....	1	40	71	400	1,347	Jerusalem, " "
Knox	W. H. Ballagh	29	8	.....	1	.....	2	141	.....	1	153	.....	1	153	308	82	2,015	Knox, " "
New Baltimore	J. L. Zabriskie	72	8	3	4	.....	2	170	.....	2	.....	1	146	146	59	73	1,997	New Baltimore, " "
New Salem	N. Pearse	85	.....	1	1	.....	1	182	.....	.....	.....	1	40	40	15	400	2,015	New Salem, Albany Co.
Onisquethaw	E. Vedder	50	.....	.....	4	.....	1	24	.....	8	.....	22	1	62	20	85	1,400	Clarksville, " "
Union	Vacant	87	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	58	510	Union Church, " "
Westerlo	J. H. Pitcher	51	3	.....	3	.....	1	73	.....	1	.....	1	.....	40	96	775	775	Chesterville, " "
Total	Total	1520	159	59	60	6	45	2830	99	44	350	21	2757	\$10,536	86	\$34,221	13			

Ministers without Charge.—S. Van Santvoord, New Baltimore.

A. Dickson, Lansingburgh. H. Slauson, Whitehall.

J. P. Pepper, Brooklyn, L. I. L. H.

Babler.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
		Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended		Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools		Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	R. A. P.	R. A. P.
Arcot and 5 out stations	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	70	8	6	13	2	1	67	18	19	48	7	104	440 12 4	54	Arcot, Madras Presd S. India.
Arnee " 3	" "	30	1	2	1	1	1	49	4	1	1	3	24	258 1	5	" "
Allondal	" "	13	1	2	1	1	1	24	3	1	1	1	15	14 5 5	1	" "
Vellambal.	" "	19	1	2	2	1	1	37	3	2	2	1	15	9 10 11	4	" "
* Marutavambal	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	15	1	1	2	1	1	14	3	9	9	1	7	9 11 6	3	Vellore.
Mocaiyar	" "	5	1	1	2	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	5	2	" "
Orattur and 8 out stations	" "	83	1	1	1	1	1	75	7	1	87	6	78	65 12 1	7	" "
Chittoor and 8 out stations	Rev. J. W. Scudder, M.D.	115	7	2	2	2	1	87	18	6	147	8	144	436 13 4	59	Chittoor.
Coonoor and 1 out station	Rev. Zachariah John	47	1	2	2	2	2	62	8	4	41	1	37	46 8 9	8	Coonoor.
Gnanodiyam & 1 out station	Rev. Andrew Sawyer	25	1	4	1	1	1	48	7	1	3	2	15	46 15 5	8	Gnanodiyam
Sattambadi & 2 out stations	" "	18	1	1	1	1	1	41	2	1	3	2	21	22 6 1	2	" "
Mudnipilly & 7 out stations	Rev. J. Chamberlain, M.D.	60	2	9	8	1	1	37	10	11	5	3	37	16 10	16	In America.
Palamanar and 1 out station	Rev. F. J. Heeren, S. S.	14	10	4	1	1	1	18	2	2	2	2	20	*	*	Palamanar, Madras Pres. Ind.
Vellore.	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	58	4	19	26	3	3	76	11	5	8	3	106	358 14 10	42	Vellore.
Kattupadi and 3 out stations	" "	30	2	1	1	1	1	35	2	2	24	3	48	17 2	9	" "
Kondipattur & 1 out station	" "	19	1	1	1	1	1	28	10	7	5	2	60	24 4 8	8	" "
Sakadu and 1 out station.	" "	15	1	2	7	1	1	25	9	9	9	1	11	19 14 7	8	" "
Total		636	29	58	67	10	7	731	105	52	390	44	727	1882 13 1	318	9 11

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Joseph Scudder, D.D. Rev. S. D. Scudder, M.D., in America.

Candidates.—V. Yesudian. M I Israel.

* Contributions not reported

CLASSES OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
English Neighborhood.	Andrew B. Taylor.	40	1	4	1	1	8	49	1	2	70	150	200	\$	\$3,500	Fairview, Hackensack.
First Hackensack.	Theodore B. Romeyn	200	14	5	3	1	1	263	11	3	150	200	300	1,550	1,750	Schraalenberg.
Schraalenberg.	William R. Gordon. (S. C.)	150	9	3	1	1	1	242	26	2	200	200	300	365	1,764	Weehawken.
New Durham.	William V. V. Mabon	80	9	3	1	1	2	144	17	6	200	200	300	365	1,764	Hoboken.
First Hoboken.	Charles D. Buck	250	36	21	19	5	5	138	4	4	146	200	325	1,300	7,178	Jersey City.
Third Jersey City	J. Howard Suydam.	250	36	21	19	5	5	316	4	4	146	200	325	1,300	7,178	Weehawken.
North Bergen	John Justin.	55	7	4	1	1	1	71	1	1	102	102	215	387	40	Hackensack.
Second Hackensack	Cyrus B. Durand	98	7	4	1	1	1	133	2	1	102	102	215	387	40	Hoboken.
German, Hoboken	Leopold Mohr.	170	47	1	1	1	1	288	200	1	135	135	550	850	800	Hackensack.
German, Hackensack.	George Saul.	34	10	1	1	1	1	112	19	3	20	170	75	100	1,200	Gloster City.
Gloster City	Peter V. Van Buskirk.	60	7	1	1	1	1	100	2	2	20	150	200	93	691	Port Lee.
Palisades	Henry Matthee.	115	26	1	1	1	1	64	20	2	20	150	200	93	691	Weehawken.
Guttenberg.	Peter B. Crolius.	70	3	3	3	3	3	36	14	12	150	150	200	7	700	Hudson City.
Central Ave. J. C. Heights.	George L. Wolfe.	32	1	1	1	1	1	42	12	12	150	150	200	7	700	Hudson City.
Total.	Total.	1324	168	55	39	20	20	2001	316	19	1363	2	2060	\$4,751	\$17,868	

Ministers without Charge.—A. H. Warner, Chaplain, Hackensack. C. Wiley, James H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Bergen.....	{ B. C. Taylor, <i>Emeritus</i> .	200	8	7	2	1	9	271	10	.....	311	.....	311	.....	\$4,710 46	Hudson City, N. J.
First Jersey City.....	James L. Amerman.....	100	8	6	9	2	1	2	142	9	1	91	1	130	5,707 44	Bergen and Highland Aves. J. C.
First Bayonne.....	William W. Halloway, Jr.,	70	14	11	1	1	1	1	134	.....	.....	73	1	130	2,000	178 Grand St., Jersey City, N. J.
First Van Vorst.....	Charles H. Stitt.....	145	16	5	2	2	2	267	8	1	175	2	300	1,670 79	4,165	Bayonne, N. J.
Bergen Point.....	Paul D. Van Cleef.....	95	8	6	4	1	1	145	10	.....	.....	25	1	164	2,100	Jersey City, "
Second Hudson City.....	Henry W. F. Jones.....	55	4	14	.....	.....	.....	143	28	.....	.....	90	1	250	1,849 65	Hudson City, "
Lafayette.....	Charles Doeppenschmidt	80	18	2	7	.....	.....	153	19	.....	.....	90	1	175	4,250	149 Pacific Av., Jersey City, N. J.
West End.....	W. Rankin Durfee (s. c.)	32	6	1	.....	.....	.....	51	2	.....	.....	75	1	150	1,087	Hudson City, N. J.
Greenville.....	Wm. H. Van Doren.....	40	8	6	.....	.....	.....	48	3	.....	.....	100	1	120	2,064	Greenville, "
Free Jersey City.....	Alex. H. Young.....	92	44	8	2	1	99	17	2	.....	.....	100	.....	215	654 45	Jersey City, "
Third Bayonne.....	Andrew J. Park.....	47	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	120	Bergen Point.
	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	956	119	54	45	8	16	1492	112	4	1066	11	2024	\$8,035 81	\$33,204 65	

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Canastota	Vacant	70	8	1	7	1	84	1	84	1	60	1	70	\$37	\$900	Canastota, N. Y.
Chittenango	J. Henry Enders	86	12	1	1	92	2	100	2	40	75	1	125	326 66	1,500	Chittenango, "
Cicero	Vacant	65	1	1	1	63	7	75	1	105	8	1	105	7	1,000	Cicero, "
Lysander	Wm. A. Wurts, (s. o.)	70	17	1	1	118	5	8	1	85	1	1	85	27 99	398 41	Lysander, "
Naumburg	John Bochrer	26	2	2	2	1	48	1	191	1	6	3	200	4	150	Naumburg, "
New Bremen	Geo. H. Pecke	26	10	2	2	1	191	1	67	1	140	3	200	185 10	1,538 66	New Bremen, "
Owasco	Artemus Dean	40	1	3	3	1	67	1	242	8	257	2	633	86 64	873 57	Owasco, "
Owasco Outlet	Martin L. Berger	136	10	1	10	5	242	8	41	13	257	2	633	1,836 18	4,537 55	Auburn, "
Syracuse	George Rockwell*	75	18	1	10	1	41	13	203	1	203	1	203	68	400	Syracuse, "
Thousand Isles	Isaac S. Hartley	134	5	4	9	4	203	12	60	1	8	1	84	3,542 68	13,765 15	Alexandria Bay, "
Utica	Vacant	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4 72	100	Utica, "
West Leyden																West Leyden, "
	Total	911	78	6	40	1	16,174	28	851	18	1605			\$6,120 97	\$25,483 64	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. S. R. Brown and Rev. G. F. Verbeck, Nagasaki, Japan.

* Missionary.

† Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Scholars	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Detroit.....	Vacant.....	28	...	...	...	...	...	44	7	...	...	...	...	\$55 68	\$201 83	669 Clinton Ave., Detroit Mich
Fremont Center.....	Vacant.....	15	...	...	...	...	...	17	4	...	15	...	...	5	80	Fremont Center,
First Grand Haven.....	E. C. Oggel.....	249	9	9	11	...	16	207	64	...	225	1	275	240	3,734 30	Grand Haven,
Second Grand Haven.....	E. Van der Hart.....	73	21	9	...	3	8	89	16	...	108	1	140	438 65	817	"
Grand Rapids.....	N. H. Dosker.....	408	20	142	18	6	12	658	98	...	400	1	416	1,574	5,416	Grand Rapids,
Grandville.....	W. P. de Jonge.....	56	2	7	...	...	1	66	10	...	60	...	...	101	350	Grandville,
Kalamazoo.....	A. Kriekard.....	260	23	10	10	2	...	302	44	...	193	1	210	763	3,100	Kalamazoo,
Muskegon.....	J. Van der Meulen.....	190	18	1	18	1	...	180	60	1	100	1	150	...	...	Muskegon,
Polkton.....	M. Kickintveld.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	23	...	...	7 99	...	Eastmanville,
South Haven.....	Vacant.....	15	...	...	...	...	...	81	22	...	80	1	107	183 74	162 55	South Haven,
Spring Lake.....	James de Pree.....	90	8	8	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	879 48	Spring Lake,
Total.....		1439	101	180	52	7	84	664	325	1	1204	6	1298	\$3,369 06	\$14,691 16	

Minister without Charge.—Rev. C. Van der Meulen, Grand Rapids, Mich.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Number of Families		Census				Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Scholars	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
		On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion									
Arcadia	Vacant	23	2	3			2	26	2		6	1	30		\$250	E. Newark, Wayne Co., N. Y.
Buffalo	Vacant	40	4				1	65	3	2		1	50		250	Cato, Cayuga Co.,
Cato	J. H. Van Doren, S.	81	36		2		8	199	11			1	88	\$240 78	1,487 84	Cleveland, Ohio.
Cleveland	J. B. De Beer															
Caroline	Vacant	63	5	2			2	172	10		60		50		645	Slatteryville, Tompkins Co., N. Y.
Clymer	Gerrit B. Renskers	380	2	2	1		44	33	4		19	1	40	124	875	Clymer, Cha'qua Co.,
Clymer Village	L. G. Jongeneel, *	11	6	3								1	24	19 50	Dunkirk,	
Dunkirk	Vacant	90	7		5	2	186					1	30	60	900	E. Williamson, Wayne Co.,
East Williamson	A. B. Veenhuisen	110	1	2			2	163				1	121	118 95	1,677 57	Farmer, Seneca Co.,
Farmer Village	James C. Forsyth, *	53	5	2	4		4	80	1	1	50	1	55	111 40	666	Fair Haven, Cayuga Co.,
Fair Haven	J. L. Southard	94	10	6	6		4	173	1	3	74	1	69	406 04	2,897 89	Geneva, Ontario Co.,
Geneva	Wm. W. Brush															
Ithaca																
Lodi	H. P. McAdam	130	10	3	2		2	174	1	7	100	2	170	363 71	7,469 92	Lodi, Seneca Co.,
Marion	J. W. Wernshuis	145	13	37	5		3	290	46		30	1	130	98 07	1,872 50	Marion, Wayne Co.,
Mina Corners	Jacob Weber	31	1		5	1		39	1		16	1	33	66 75	352	Mina, Chautauque Co.,
Pultneyville	P. G. M. Bahler	95	11	7	2		3	151	11	3	15	1	69	69 54	1,173 46	Pultneyville, Wayne Co.,
Rochester	P. De Bruyn	180	15		6		10	245		31	80	2	425	611 93	2,499	Rochester, Monroe Co.,
Tyre	W. D. Bucklew	40			1			60			25		50	60 53	675	Magie's Cor., Seneca Co.,
Total		1202	132	92	42	3	41	2099	96	47	485	16	1184	\$2,423 20	\$22,216 20	

Minist'ers without Charge.—A. M. Mann, Farmer. J. Whitbeck, (s. c.) Ithaca. P. B. Bahler, Pultneyville, Wayne Co., N. Y.

* Last year's report.

+ No. in Parochial school 23.

+ Revised list.

§ Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census Number of Families	Rec'd		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
On Confession	On Certificate															
First Athens	A. D. Campbell	85	4	3	1	...	4	127	6	2	...	1	85	\$241 79	\$1,177 75	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens	I. S. Demund, S. S.	25	2	...	...	...	2	27	...	2	...	1	15	...	230	Coxsackie, "
Catskill	Vacant	175	10	8	9	...	8	850	8	4	...	2	90	160	3,039 96	Catskill, "
First Coxsackie	M. G. Hansen	95	5	8	6	...	6	156	4	3	...	2	70	221 17	1,723 05	Coxsackie, "
Second Coxsackie	A. F. Mann	90	5	5	5	...	2	206	8	2	...	1	100	551	2,443 80	Coxsackie, "
Kiskatom	P. T. Devo	130	12	8	6	...	2	225	8	10	...	1	75	75	1,006 94	Catskill, "
Leeds	B. Van Zandt, (s. c.)	60	2	3	2	...	1	122	7	2	...	1	60	195	1,070	Leeds, "
Moresville and Gilboa	W. H. Carr	64	1	1	4	...	2	73	...	...	...	2	50	53	1,200	Prattsville, "
Prattsville	J. W. Hammond	66	7	...	...	...	2	93	...	4	...	1	95	...	1,235	Roxbury, "
Roxbury		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	690	48	24	83	...	24	1397	26	29	114	11	640	\$1,496 96	\$13,126 50	

Ministers without Charge.—M. Lusk, Coxsackie, N. Y. Wm. Johns, Warren, Penn.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census Number of Families	Rec'd		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
			On Confession	On Certificate												
Beaver Dam	J. Broek	64	2	43	5	3	92	8	...	109	...	...	...	\$152 80	\$961 55	Zeeland, Ottawa Co., Mich.
Drenthe	Vacant	26	...	3	...	3	52	5	...	60	...	...	...	47 50	126 50	Vriesland, " "
Ebenezer	A. O. Kuyper	57	11	2	3	11	113	11	...	75	1	75	...	117 09	894	Holland, " "
Fynsart	J. F. Zwemer	84	4	8	7	4	55	4	...	54	...	...	...	108 46	470	E Saugatuck, Allegan Co., " "
Graafschap	W. Van der Kley	59	5	22	3	...	116	9	...	80	1	75	...	107 44	1,097 33	Graafschap, " "
First Holland	R. Pieters	120	8	12	8	5	237	30	...	120	1	210	...	1,889 07	1,526 73	Holland, Ottawa Co., " "
Third Holland	H. Uiterwyk	144	13	11	31	2	195	35	...	161	1	221	...	857 58	3,046 71	" " " "
Jamestown	Vacant	40	1	6	1	1	64	14	...	40	...	...	...	67	711	Vriesland, " "
North Holland	B. Van Ess	110	6	7	...	...	101	85	...	146	...	...	...	173	1,025	N. Holland, " "
Overyssel	G. J. Nykerk	157	19	7	6	7	388	44	...	250	1	200	...	625 82	1,514 65	Overyssel, Allegan Co., " "
Overyssel East	Vacant	16	5	...	...	...	26	5	...	19	...	...	...	13 50	16	" " " "
Rotterdam	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rotterdam, Kansas.
Saugatuck	D. Broek	46	17	5	3	1	74	11	...	55	1	60	...	105	582 27	Saugatuck, Allegan Co., Mich.
Vriesland	P. De Pree	91	4	8	4	1	136	12	...	150	1	165	...	460 27	1,738 59	Vriesland, Ottawa " "
Zabriske Memorial Church	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hamilton, Allegan " "
Zeeland	W. Moerdyk, (S. C.)	220	84	12	34	2	420	97	...	350	1	325	...	1,225	1,730	Zeeland, Ottawa " "
Total		1184	124	146	105	4	30	2019	290	669	8	1331	...	\$5,949 03	\$15,436	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, D. D., President of the Council of Hope College, Holland, Mich.
 Hope College, Holland, Mich. Rev. T. R. Beck, Professor in Hope College, Holland, Mich.

Rev. P. Phelps, Jr., D. D., President of

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools		Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Hudson	John McC. Holmes, (s. c.)	200	21	9	12	...	...	5	425	15	7	...	1	325	\$2,824 25	\$5,450 84	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	John W. Schenck	112	4	3	4	...	...	2	213	5	...	...	4	208	391 15	2,922 80	Claverack, "
Second Claverack	Arad J. Sebring	200	3	3	2	...	...	3	158	1	1	100	3	200	718 33	1,724 80	Mellenville, "
Linthgow	Thomas S. Dustin berre	90	1	3	4	1	...	1	*140	4	...	...	...	60	246 38	1,351 38	Livingston, "
Greenport	John S. Hinrod	97	14	4	...	...	...	1	201	11	3	...	...	125	300	1,100	Hudson, "
Germentown	G. De Witt Bodine	88	...	1	...	...	...	1	151	8	...	...	...	115	127 61	1,050	Germentown, "
Upper Red Hook	Henry V. S. Myers	80	25	1	...	...	...	4	128	5	5	...	1	90	161 47	1,501 93	Upper Red Hook, "
Greenbush	De Witt B. Wyckoff	75	3	2	...	...	...	1	111	5	2	40	...	1	215 42	2,538 47	Mt. Ross, "
Taghkanic	John B. Church	74	2	1	...	...	...	2	132	3	1	...	3	120	127 06	1,375	West Copake, "
Livingston, at Linthgow	Cors. Van Santvoord, S. S.	64	1	2	...	...	...	1	36	2	...	...	...	...	...	900	Linthgow, "
	Total	1070	74	25	23	2	20	1725	59	19	140	1383	13	1383	\$5,111 67	\$20,144 42	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn, Hudson, N. Y. Rev. P. Van Wyck, Hudson, N. Y. Rev. J. H. Bevier, Hudson, N. Y.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession			Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
				On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed										Suspended	Died
Fair View.....	John S. Jorammon, (s. c.)	116	3	8	10	1	193	9	1	90	170	\$1,708 59	\$1,296 26	Fair View, Fulton Co., Ill.	
Pekin.....	E. P. Livingston, S. S.	62	13	5	2	1	73	1	1	.....	150	50	5,082 57	Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill.
Spring Lake.....	William B. Gilmore.....	28	9	2	4	2	37	17	4	.....	30	5	400	Manito, " "
Raritan.....	Samuel A. Bumstead.....	46	4	9	10	1	150	5	4	20	90	150	800	Raritan, Henderson Co., Ill.	
Bushnell.....	James Wyckoff.....	72	10	13	13	2	121	6	4	.....	167	107	1,253 28	Bushnell, McDonough Co., Ill.
Davenport.....	Henry E. Decker, S. S.	51	5	7	14	1	85	3	8	.....	85	40	1,103 87	Davenport, Iowa.
First Pella.....	Egbert Winter.....	203	18	2	6	6	292	41	2	150	1	885 71	3,040 25	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Havana.....	George Selbert, S. S.	20	4	5	1	16	70	11	3	30	1	32	495	Havana, Mason Co., Iowa.	
Second Pella.....	Abraham Thompson, S. S.	36	10	2	2	.....	57	4	1	25	1	55	23 50	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Bethel.....	Vacant.....	40	30	1	4	.....	83	4	16	.....	110	450	450	Jefferson, Cook Co., Ill.
Leyden Centre.....	H. H. Johnson, S. S.	204	32	10	4	4	160	60	.....	220	1	466	1,720	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Third Pella.....	K. B. Welland.....	38	4	5	5	4	104	01	.....	58	1	66	736 84	" "
Fourth Pella.....	H. Stobbehaar.....	62	8	10	11	1	91	4	.....	.....	130	135 83	1,961 57	Chicago, Ill.
Am. Ref. Chicago.....	Uriah D. Gulick.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	Otley, Iowa.
Otley.....	Vacant.....	221	58	10	2	4	328	44	3	130	2	185	.....	Orange City, Sioux Co., Iowa.
Orange City.....	Seine Bolks.....	30	1	2	2	.....	19	.....	1	.....	2	8	.....	Norris, Fulton Co., Ill.
Norris.....	Vacant.....	20	12	2	6	.....	38	.....	2	18	1	67	599 64	Norwood Park, Cook Co., Ill.
Norwood Park.....	Albert V. Gulick.....	20	.....	5	5	.....	24	1	.....	.....	1	35	629	Somerset, Miami Co., Kansas.
Somerset.....	Joseph Maxon, S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Irving Park, Cook Co., Ill.
Irving Park.....	Abram G. Lausing, S. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" "
Total.....	Total.....	1319	216	78	101	2	1936	219	41	741	27	1978	\$3,650 76	\$21,931 95	" "

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. D. Wilson, Fair View, Fulton Co., Ill. Rev. J. F. Morris, Bushnell, Ill. Rev. C. D. Eiting, Raritan, Ill. Rev. A. J. Battin, Pella, Iowa.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
		Census	Number of Families	Rec'd		Dismissed	Suspended		Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools		Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
				On Confession	On Certificate													
Bloomington	M. F. Lieberman, S. S.	56	8	1	1	1	1	95	10	3	40	1	100	\$256 12	\$2,066 63	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y.		
The Clove	Wm. H. Vroom*	150	6	1	1	1	1	150	10	5	40	1	225	60	720	High Falls, "		
Dashville Falls	Vacant	100	8	1	1	1	1	148	8	2	40	1	145	100	1,093 60	Rifton Glen, *		
Guilford	C. E. Lasher	65	1	1	1	1	1	81	3	50	40	1	85	245 10	1,394 81	Gardner, "		
Hurley	J. F. Harris	70	5	1	1	1	1	114	3	5	40	1	96	148 35	822 22	" Hurley, "		
N. Church, Marletown	J. F. Harris	126	12	9	17	6	5	111	23	5	36	1	282	843	3,659 24	Kingston, "		
Second Church, Kingston	Vacant	170	6	6	1	1	1	133	16	11	196	5	170	115 45	1,705 21	Stone Ridge, "		
Marletown	V. M. Hurlbert	200	19	3	3	1	1	143	11	12	175	5	256	901 09	2,450 09	New Paltz, "		
New Paltz	Philip Pelz, (s. c.)	120	6	1	1	1	1	150	3	1	75	1	150	178 38	1,151 86	Accord, "		
Rochester	S. P. M. Hastings	60	2	1	1	1	1	56	2	1	35	1	150	48 85	1,506 48	Rosendale, "		
Rosendale	M. F. Lieberman	45	1	1	1	1	1	47	6	1	35	1	45	3 25	1,110	Crippenbush, "		
Sampsonville	Vacant	24	1	1	1	1	1	40	1	1	35	1	45	3 25	153 50	Fly Mountain, "		
St. Remy	Vacant	24	1	1	1	1	1	40	1	1	35	1	45	3 25	153 50	Fly Mountain, "		
Total		1,346	70	24	48	41	2041	97	28	512	24	1,760		\$2,902 89	\$17,995 14			

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. James R. Lente, Emeritus, Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y. Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y.

* Pastor Elect.

† Revised List.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
		Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended		Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens		Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Jamaica	J. G. Van Slyke	126	1	5	1	1	4	265	6	4	150	1	109	\$692 88	\$4,020 77	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	123	9	5	4	4	4	210	7	2	4	2	250	768 24	4,985 50	Newtown.
Oyster Bay	Minor Swick	100	2	3	2	1	1	111	7	2	80	1	134	1,392 56	1,855 44	East Norwich.
North Hempstead	Wm. E. Davis	80	7	3	3	1	1	116	8	6	80	1	80	1,855 44	12,000	Manhasset, Brooklyn, E. D.
Williamsburgh	E. S. Porter	330	43	10	4	4	4	492	26	21	48	2	750	4,317 79	9,393 85	Astoria, Brooklyn, E. D.
Astoria	Vacant*	43	1	19	9	4	4	91	5	5	150	1	164	475 67	3,200	Flushing.
Flushing	O. E. Cobb	95	14	14	9	9	4	206	2	5	48	1	200	418	1,000	Brooklyn, E. D.
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	229	8	9	9	2	359	4	3	3	560	1	560	305 44	1,500	15 Hunrod St., Brooklyn.
South Beshwick	George A. Halst	100	16	7	13	5	161	9	4	4	20	1	110	7	1,000	Astoria.
Lee Avenue	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	75	17	3	4	1	170	41	41	20	15	1	100	151 97	548 67 34	Vesey St., New York.
Second Astoria	Wm. Ferris	30	1	1	1	1	22	3	3	1	1	1	15	3 88	214 82	Newtown, L. I.
East Williamsburgh	Vacant	35	1	1	1	1	39	3	3	1	1	1	130	185 34	2,975	Queens.
Second Newtown	Thomas Nichols	65	8	2	2	4	105	3	3	8	265	2	500	165	1,762 35 315	Graham Ave., B'klyn. E. D.
Queens	J. M. Wagner	230	29	8	8	407	145	1	1	1	10	4	56	41 85	292 71	Sayville, L. I.
Gen. Ev. Brooklyn	G. Van Emmerik	43	8	2	1	1	56	10	1	1	8	1	100	17 40	845	Locust Valley, L. I.
Sayville	John Hart	48	7	2	4	1	31	1	1	5	8	1	196	300	3,000	College Point, "
Locust Valley	E. S. Fairchild†	25	6	4	2	1	31	6	6	1	8	1	196	300	3,000	College Point, "
College Point		1787	178	72	75	1	41	2896	277	55	747	25	8754	\$4,364 66	\$52,702 76	

Ministers without Charge.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D.; N. Y. P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wyntkoop, Cuba, N. Y. John B. Aliger, Jamaica, L. I. E. S. Fairchild, † Pastor Elect, College Point, L. I. Alexander McKelvey, Park Ridge, N. J. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, Astoria, L. I.

Candidates.—Matthias L. Haynes, * Astoria, L. I.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAPT.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	N. Y.
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes			(Congregational Purposes
Brooklyn.....	Joseph Kimball.....	190	38	8	11	...	3	428	11	...	...	2	708	\$15,864 94	\$8,815	Brooklyn,
Flatbush.....	C. L. Wells.....	140	11	2	5	...	1	272	6	8	150	1	333	5,700	3,000	Flatbush,
Flatbush Mission.....	Vacant.....	62	...	...	...	...	4	28	2	...	...	1	74	...	...	"
New Utrecht.....	David S. Sutphen (s. c.).....	95	6	2	1	...	4	206	12	...	100	3	332	1,184 14	2,925	New Utrecht,
Gravesend.....	A. P. Stockwell.....	125	2	1	1	...	3	187	12	...	183	2	183	542 50	3,988	Gravesend,
Flatlands.....	Anson DuBois.....	80	3	3	2	...	5	164	19	1	100	2	200	1,067 14	2,806	Flatlands,
New Lots.....	Vacant.....	70	4	3	1	...	5	130	16	...	...	1	75	345 17	2,021	East New York,
East New York.....	C. R. Blauvelt.....	65	3	2	9	...	1	110	6	1	240	1	300	438 27	2,700	"
South Brooklyn.....	Vacant.....	20	...	...	...	...	4	49	2	...	...	1	135	161 50	1,301	Brooklyn,
Middle Brooklyn.....	Edward P. Ingersoll.....	283	15	17	16	...	10	401	8	6	273	1	438	1,404 02	9,878 43	"
Twelfth Street.....	N. P. Pierce.....	125	30	21	15	...	2	274	16	12	150	2	600	369 68	7,137 83	"
Church on the Heights.....	David Inglis.....	127	17	19	18	...	5	392	4	4	115	1	535	18,914 54	10,684 84	"
New Brooklyn.....	C. F. C. Suckow.....	90	41	...	...	...	3	256	100	...	90	1	...	55	1,259 80	New Brooklyn,
East Brooklyn.....	J. Halseid Carroll.....	197	60	63	4	...	2	399	11	17	63	1	307	267	14,958	Brooklyn,
Rockville Centre.....	.....	32	12	29	...	...	...	41	...	3	...	1	110	...	...	"
Total.....	Total.....	1701	242	170	84	2	48	3417	225	47	1424	21	4330	\$41,373 90	\$71,576 49	"

† Revised List

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Ferris, D.D., Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. Jacob West, D.D., Secretary of Board of Domestic Missions, Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D., Secretary of Board of Publication, 34 Vesey Street, New York; Rev. Julius Hones, 209 Stockton Street, Brooklyn; Rev. Daniel Rapalle, Missionary to China; Rev. Alexander Shaw, Bethany Chapel; Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y.; Rev. J. H. Manning, D. D., Brooklyn; Rev. R. G. Strong, Flatbush, L. I.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Battle Creek	Adam H. Van Vranken.	10	10	6	11	23	1	27	6	...	...	2	210	...	\$84 42	Battle Creek, Mich.
Centreville	John W. Beardslee, (s.c.)	104	6	11	3	7	3	164	...	...	...	1	240	...	2,050 77	Centreville, "
Constantine	Peter Moordyk.	70	8	3	2	3	2	124	5	...	...	1	95	...	1,319 28	Constantine, "
Grand Rapids	Abel T. Stewart.	44	8	4	7	...	2	50	5	...	...	1	140	...	668	Grand Rapids, "
Hope	John A. De Spelder	34	...	...	...	...	58	49	...	...	...	1	106	...	862 32	Holland, "
Macon	N. D. Williamson, S. S.	25	...	...	...	...	41	...	3	5	...	2	431	...	...	Macon, "
Porter	John A. De Spelder	33	11	2	1	...	2	41	8	...	...	...	...	...	550 65	Constantine, "
South Bend	...	32	...	...	...	...	1	28	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	South Bend, Mich.
South Macon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Macon, Ind.
	Total	352	25	25	43	8	11	542	20	5	...	9	1222	\$426 20	\$5,585 44	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. G. Tarbell, Emeritus, Alamo, Mich. Rev. Christian Van der Veen, Canon City, Colorado. Rev. Charles Scott, Holland, Mich.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Census Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died		Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools		Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Ir- religious purposes	(Congregational Purposes
First Freehold	T. W. Wells	96	8	8	1	...	2	178	8	1	90	3	125	\$325 40	\$1,674 50	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N. J.
Second Freehold	Charles S. Hageman	105	9	5	5	...	2	202	8	...	100	1	140	444 56	8,120	Freehold,
Holmdel	William Reiley	95	7	2	1	...	1	150	8	1	...	1	...	401 66	1,500	Holmdel,
Spotswood	Ralph Willis	50	1	...	2	...	...	90	4	8	80	1	80	37 62	1,655	Spotswood,
Middletown	Luther H. Van Doren	42	2	3	...	...	3	61	...	...	50	1	50	40	2,425	Middletown,
Keyport	Elias Mead	60	15	5	...	...	2	70	...	8	40	1	40	...	...	Keyport,
Long Branch	James B. Wilson	66	9	2	2	...	3	135	4	6	175	3	175	113 89	4,508 10	Long Branch,
Colt's Neck	James Bolton, (s. c.)	73	1	...	...	...	...	230	8	...	115	2	115	125	1,200	Colt's Neck,
	Total	587	40	20	14	8	15	1125	25	19	600	13	675	\$1,487 63	\$16,082 60	

Ministers without Charge.—Garret C. Schanck, Marlboro; Monmouth Co., N. J. Alexander C. Millsbaugh, Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N. J. Samuel Lockwood, Freehold, N. J.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	N. Y.
		Census	Number of Families	On Certificate				Adults	Infants	Total now in Communion	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
				On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended											Died
Aurlesville,†	Vacant	50	18	8	1	1	1	7	44	6	8	1	200	\$180 15	\$2,100	Aurlesville, Canajoharie,	"
Canajoharie,	Richard R. Williams.	130	65	1	1	1	1	1	167	44	1	1	45	43 24	1,021 25	Rural Grove, Ephratah, Fulton Co.	"
Columbia,†	James M. Compton	65	30	1	1	1	1	1	72	12	1	1	45	2,768	2,768	Minerva, "	"
Carrytown.	Vacant	80	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	12	1	1	120	685 88	4,728 73	Fonda, "	"
Ephratah.	W. B. Van Benschoten.	65	1	1	1	1	1	1	212	8	37	4	330	385 77	3,036 87	Fort Plain, "	"
Florida.	Richard A. Pearce	100	1	1	1	1	1	6	815	12	10	1	100	319 40	2,170 56	Fultonville, "	"
Fonda.	Thomas W. Jones.	212	71	5	8	1	1	2	6	37	1	1	150	218 85	1,186 58	Glen, "	"
Fort Plain	Alexander B. Riggs.	121	19	9	2	1	1	8	109	10	10	1	130	324 20	1,186 58	Huganar's Mills, "	"
Fort Herkimer	Vacant	94	15	4	1	1	1	2	112	8	7	2	145	319 40	2,170 56	Fultonville, "	"
Fultonville.	Francis M. Kip, Jr.	100	2	2	15	1	1	1	66	8	1	1	150	218 85	3,017	Glen, "	"
Glen	Vacant.	70	29	1	1	1	1	2	92	7	35	2	100	324 20	1,186 58	Huganar's Mills, "	"
Huganar's Mills.	A. J. Hageman, (s. c.).	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	186	1	1	130	6	6	Herkimer, Herk. Co.	"
Henderson†	Vacant.	175	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	186	1	1	130	45 25	134 69	Ingham's Mills, Canajoharie,	"
Herkimer,†	G. D. Cousaul	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	86	6	1	1	80	25	10,000	Mohawk, Herk. Co.	"
Indian Castle.	Rufus M. Stanbrough.	40	1	1	2	1	1	1	51	2	1	1	100	90 80	8,150	Port Jackson, "	"
Manheim	Rufus M. Stanbrough	60	1	1	2	1	1	1	51	2	1	1	100	166 22	1,894	St. Johnsville, "	"
Mapletown	Vacant	60	1	1	2	1	1	1	51	2	1	1	100	67	754 51	Stone Arabia, "	"
Mohawk	Francis M. Bogardus	80	7	8	2	1	1	1	53	2	1	1	100	90 80	8,150	Port Jackson, "	"
Port Jackson	John Minor	100	11	17	8	1	1	1	8	121	6	1	100	166 22	1,894	St. Johnsville, "	"
St. Johnsville.	Edward Lodowick.	97	6	8	4	1	1	1	8	124	4	1	280	67	754 51	Stone Arabia, "	"
Stone Arabia.	W. B. Van Benschoten	59	11	2	1	1	1	1	66	8	1	1	85	67	754 51	Spraker's Basin, "	"
Spraker's Basin,†	Vacant.	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	60	67	754 51	Spraker's Basin, "	"
Tillaborough	Vacant.	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	60	67	754 51	Spraker's Basin, "	"
Total	Total	1789	187	53	41	—	—	82	1920	88	71	19	2042	\$2,557 16	\$36,225 19		

Ministers without Charge.—Joseph Knieskern, Cortland, Cortland Co., N. Y. Gilbert Lane, Readington, Hunterdon Co., N. J. Abraham Mattice, Fort Plain, N. Y.

† Last year's report.

* Corrected List.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						EAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
			On Confession On Certificate Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants		Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes		
Belleville.....	J. Paschal Strong.....	120	10	15	8	20	3	...	6	170	10	1	100	1	175	\$600	\$2,500	Belleville, N. J.
First Newark.....	Edward P. Terhune.....	315	86	11	20	10	20	...	6	426	4	6	225	2	400	8,693	11,429	Newark,
Irvington.....	Henry Vohlshe.....	120	8	12	9	...	...	...	1	164	4	3	100	1	130	...	2,800	Irvington,
Second Newark.....	F. V. Van Vranken.....	90	4	2	10	...	...	...	5	175	4	...	109	1	125	378	3,110	Newark,
Franklin.....	A. Messier Quick.....	90	4	7	1	...	...	...	1	113	2	...	145	1	145	104	1,348	Franklin,
North Newark.....	Charles E. Hart.....	227	47	27	12	...	...	...	8	414	27	5	340	2	444	7,089	5,306	Newark,
West Newark.....	John Wenisch.....	40	34	...	10	...	...	...	2	130	8	...	50	1	140	8	1,444	Newark,
Clinton Avenue, Newark.....	William J. R. Taylor.....	172	45	32	21	...	...	...	2	290	8	7	192	1	384	1,328	8,044	Newark,
East Reformed, Newark.....	Isaac P. Brokaw.....	72	4	2	4	...	...	...	2	65	4	1	70	1	240	228	1,520	Newark,
Linden.....	Oscar G-sner.....	40	1	1	2	...	...	...	2	54	5	...	80	1	100	200	2,405	Linden,
Woodside.....	J. M. Macaulay.....	75	26	20	...	...	...	...	2	76	...	2	.....	.....	120	350	13,700	Newark,
Total.....	Total.....	1351	214	129	92	1	86	2077	121	26	1352	13	2403			\$13,976	\$53,609	05

Ministors without Charge.—Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J. M. B. Riddle, Hartford, Conn. B. V. Collins, Passaic, N. J. Joseph Wilson, Newark, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK,—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS				
		Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended		Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens		Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
First New Brunswick.....	Richard H. Steele, (s. o.).	925	21	13	12	..	9	488	16	4	130	1	350	\$6,808	\$4,621	New Brunswick, N. J.	
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears	136	8	2	2	..	2	219	3	2	35	6	300	8,700	1,450	Franklin Park, "	
Hillsborough.....	Edward T. Corwin	140	7	4	3	..	2	291	10	..	..	7	200	700	1,250	Millstone, "
Middlebush.....	Vacant	108	17	8	17	8	..	8	190	6	90	..	140	686	37	2,652	24 Middlebush, "
Griggstown.....	Robert G. Williams	55	8	8	8	9	..	1	96	..	..	2	130	144	788	15 Griggstown, "
Second New Brunswick	Chester D. Harttransf.....	212	39	15	9	..	5	873	5	6	150	2	340	2,898	5,782	67 New Brunswick, "	
Bound Brook.....	Jacob C. Dutcher.....	87	4	5	8	1	..	156	1	2	100	1	191	250	2,308	Bound Brook, "	
Third New Brunswick.....	Charles Meyer, S.....	16	..	6	6	1	..	38	4	..	20	1	40	72	463	New Brunswick, "	
East Millstone.....	Alexander McWilliam.....	86	6	17	1	..	3	173	8	1	..	1	100	235	1,469	East Millstone, "	
Metuchen	Edward Lord	78	6	8	4	..	2	145	..	..	..	2	173	375	5,966	41 Metuchen, "
	Total.....	1188	106	81	60	..	82	2164	58	18	525	23	1964	\$15,833	\$26,694	87	

Ministors without Charge.—Peter J. Quick, Rector, Theological Hall. William H. Campbell, President Rutgers College, Jacob Cooper and T. Sanford Doolittle, Professors Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J. William H. Steele, Newark, N. J. H. W. Brandt, South Africa. John L. Sec, 34 Vesey Street, N. Y.

Candidates.—H. E. Lott; T. De Witt Reiley, Professor Rutgers College.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools		Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Collegiate, New York.	Thomas De Witt.	630	88	44	49	30	1687	40	9	2413	7	2413	834,296	15	55 East 9th Street, N. Y.
	Thomas E. Vermilye.	165	17	11	18	4	267	10	2	250	1	423	1,863 75	15	15 West 56th Street, N. Y.
	Tal. W. Chambers, (s. c.)	185	16	15	15	3	482	13	1	3	700	16,780 46	327	70 West 36th Street, N. Y.	
Harlem.	James M. Ludlow.	145	17	1	3	4	320	22	2	50	2	425	1,306 26	116	116 West 4th Street, N. Y.
	William Orniston.	52	6	10	10	1	71	2	2	60	1	60	976	153	153 East 27th Street, N. Y.
	G. Henry Mandeville.	52	6	10	10	8	564	14	8	140	1	140	12,713 60	327	327 East 124th Street, N. Y.
South New York	Ebenezer P. Rogers	145	17	1	3	4	320	22	2	50	2	425	\$4,400 34	42	42 West 27th Street, N. Y.
Staten Island	James Brownlee.	52	6	10	10	8	564	14	8	140	1	140	976	316	316 West 52d Street, N. Y.
	Enoch Van Aken.	27	11	22	8	10	500	45	4	76	1	500	2,510	707	707 Lexington Avenue, N. Y.
Bloomington	James Brownlee.	215	63	8	10	500	45	4	4	210	1	325	4,350	344	344 West 32d Street, N. Y.
Madison Avenue.	Isaac Riley.	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	449 71	82	82 Second Street, N. Y.
Thirtieth-Fourth Street.	Julius W. Geyer.	90	15	7	10	4	151	8	4	210	1	325	4,350	Richmond.	Richmond, S. I.
German Evan Mission.	Yacant.	90	15	7	10	4	151	8	4	210	1	325	4,350	Mott Haven,	Mott Haven, N. Y.
St. Paul's	J. H. Sinclair.	50	11	6	11	3	169	24	18	1	1	170	1,548 58	Sea Side,	Sea Side, N. Y.
Richmond, S. I.	Hasbrouck Du Bois.	50	11	6	11	3	169	24	18	1	1	170	1,548 58	248	248 West 40th Street, N. Y.
	Francis M. Kip.	65	14	11	6	1	148	10	6	185	1	285	1,496	231	231 East 56th Street, N. Y.
	John H. Oerter.	100	8	4	1	2	92	11	6	185	1	285	1,496	232	232 Eighth Avenue, N. Y.
Prospect Hill.	D. McL. Quackenbush.	40	8	4	1	2	92	11	6	185	1	285	1,496	750	750 Brookfield, Conn.
Holland.	A. H. Bechtold.	40	8	4	1	2	92	11	6	185	1	285	1,496	750	750 Brookfield, Conn.
Brookfield, Conn.	Ransford Wells.	40	8	4	1	2	92	11	6	185	1	285	1,496	750	750 Brookfield, Conn.
Total		1766	303	99	121	66	4582	217	85	989	23	5921	\$62,195 80	\$36,203 23	

Ministers without Charge.—John Forsyth, Chaplain, West Point.

Somerville, N. J. E. S. Clegghorn, Bible House, N. Y.

Missionary Pastors.—J. H. Bertholf, 160 West 29th Street, N. Y.

N. Y. L. W. Kipp, Missionary to China. A. R. Van Nest, D. D., Missionary to Florence.

McLanesville, North Carolina.

N. J. Marselus, D. D., 232 South Fifth Street, Williamsburgh, L. I.

O. M. Jameson,

Vernon B. Carroll, 30 West 60th St.,

Charles H. H. Wolff, Missionary to Japan.

Wm. L. Johnson,

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants		Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
									Adults							
Brighton Heights	William T. Enyard	90	8	4	1	...	2	193	11	8	180	1	218	\$799 85	\$11,176 96	Tompkinsville, S. I.
Washington Square	Mancelus S. Hutton	82	5	4	12	...	3	204	10	5	30	1	125	1,687	9,243	47 East 9th Street, New York.
Bushwick	Stephen H. Meeker, (S. C.)	65	11	1	...	...	3	217	51	2	40	1	190	280	1,595	Brooklyn, E. D.
Union Ref., 6th Avenue	William B. Merritt . . . . .	...	22	22	14	...	4	243	21	10	50	1	220	249 11	5,210 01	34 Charles Street, New York.
German Ref. P. Norfolk St.	Henry A. Friedel	245	30	2	1	1	6	365	97	...	68	1	550	900	2,300	129 Norfolk St., New York.
North Brooklyn	Alexander R. Thompson	138	27	33	9	...	4	...	26	5	...	1	306	...	...	180 Clermont Ave., Brooklyn.
	Total	620	103	66	37	1	22	1252	216	25	388	6	1609	\$3,915 96	\$29,454 97	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Dr. Wiggins, St. Charles Hotel, New York City. Rev. John B. Steele, Salem, N. Y. Rev. Aaron Lloyd, New York City.

Rev. Alexander C. Hillman, 214 Division Avenue, Williamsburgh, L. I. Rev. Luther G. Bingham, Middlebush, N. J.

Candidate.—Isaac W. Warner, Williamsburgh, L. I.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS				BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES			
		Number of Families	Census				Number of Cate- chumens	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes					
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dis- missed										
Berea.....	Laurence L. Comfort.....	60	9	12	3	1	86	4	1	1	\$123 95	\$1,889 70	Walden, Orange Co., N. Y.		
Bloomington.....	Augustus F. Todd.....	74	8	8	5	4	109	7	4	35	52 81	1,160 50	Bloomington, Sull. Co., "		
Callicoon.....	William Elterich.....	100	22	1	3	2	204	30	...	14	24 70	824 86	Callicoon, "		
Claryville.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Claryville, "
Cuddebackville.....	Vacant.....	56	9	...	...	...	43	...	...	58	99 80	917 56	Cuddebackville, Orange Co., "
Deerpark.....	Samuel J. Rogers.....	167	5	4	4	5	217	8	2	150	1,497 59	3,493 07	Port Jervis, Ulster Co., "		
Ellenville.....	Edward W. Bentley, (S.C.)	70	7	6	4	2	249	4	2	12	240	1,700	Ellenville, Ulster Co., "		
Fallsburgh.....	Walter S. Brown.....	90	2	...	...	2	118	6	...	...	70	257	Woodbourn, Sull. Co., "
Fremont.....	William Elterich.....	50	14	9	4	2	116	13	...	10	4	145 07	Fremont, "		
Grahamville.....	Vacant.....	45	...	...	...	1	105	...	...	...	9 75	260 74	Grahamville, "
Jeffersonville.....	William Elterich.....	50	13	2	...	1	110	8	...	11	11	590	Jeffersonville, "		
Kerhonkson.....	John DuBois.....	70	1	3	...	1	84	5	...	...	75	590	Kerhonkson, Ulster Co., "
Maunkating.....	Edward G. Ackerman.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Wurtsboro, Sull. Co., "
Minisink.....	William E. Turner.....	52	1	...	...	1	56	...	...	...	42	600	Montague, Sussex Co., N. J.
Montgomery.....	Cornelius Brett.....	178	21	4	6	5	816	6	10	...	23	3,376 37	Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y.		
Newburgh.....	William H. Gleason.....	230	50	19	4	7	439	22	21	50	1,293 22	7,079	Newburgh, "		
New Hurley.....	Robert H. Beattie.....	110	3	1	3	4	133	12	2	90	1,115 99	1,767	New Hurley, Ulster Co., "		
New Prospect.....	John T. Demarest.....	89	8	2	5	5	134	5	...	...	32	614	Ulsterville, "
North Branch.....	William Elterich.....	42	10	...	...	3	73	27	1	7	2	98	Callicoon, Sull. Co., "
Shawangunk.....	Cyril Spaulding.....	100	2	...	...	4	256	6	...	70	169	1,205 47	Bruynswick, Ulster Co., "
Walden.....	Martin V. Schoonmaker.....	100	10	5	6	2	195	6	4	100	624 13	1,600	Walden, Orange Co., "		
Walkill Valley.....	Benjamin C. Lippincott.....	70	6	3	2	1	73	5	3	15	108 55	2,049	Shawangunk, Ulster Co., "		
Walpack, Upper.....	Gilbert S. Garretson.....	67	4	1	8	1	59	3	2	46	58 55	750	Dingman's Bridge, Pike Co., Pa.		
Walpack, Lower.....	John F. Shaw.....	100	20	...	2	1	177	4	5	50	110 55	2,145	Bushkill, Monroe Co., "		
Wawarsing.....	Vacant.....	120	...	4	...	2	183	...	...	175	110 42	1,092 59	Napanoch, Ulster Co., N. Y.
	Total.....	3881	215	84	65	2	553635	181	59	893	81	2145	\$6,347 44	\$32,222 94	

Ministries without Charge.—Samuel W. Mills, Port Jervis, Orange Co., N. Y. John A. Staats, Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y. Henry Morris, Binghampton, Broome Co., N. Y. Nathan W. Jones, Kerhonkson, Ulster Co., N. Y. Joshua Boyd, Newburgh, Orange Co., N. Y. Robert Pitts, Stroudsburg, Pa.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. O. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES				
		Census	Number of Families	Rec'd	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens		Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Clarkstown	Ferdinand S. Schenck	100	100	11	22	8	7	2	168	4	4	50	1	150	\$201 44	\$7,913	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.	
Tappan	George M. S. Blauvelt	130	130	12	22	5	4	2	148	4	6	160	2	150	250	1,500	Tappan town, N. J.	
Acquackanonck	John Gaston	175	144	14	8	1	15	6	256	15	..	160	1	273	1,766 08	4,620 89	Passaic, " "	
Second Totowa	John H. Duryea	140	21	8	4	4	6	6	260	21	4	80	1	200	700	2,800	Paterson, " "	
Paramus	Gwyn Talmage	140	9	1	1	1	3	3	134	11	2	100	1	130	473 74	9,919 53	Ridgewood, " "	
Passaic	Vacant	70	1	2	11	6	78	4	75	4	..	25	1	100	..	4,500	Park Ridge, N. Y.	
Saddle River	*William E. Bogardus	60	60	3	2	2	5	75	4	1	..	10	3	120	60	487	Monsey, " "	
Ramapo	George A. Magie	66	3	3	3	1	1	49	10	2	1	20	1	85	126 30	1,246 11	Monsey, " "	
West New Hempstead	Benjamin T. Statosir	39	2	1	2	3	1	72	2	1	1	150	1	272	959 15	3,863 56	Nyack, " "	
Warwick	Ferdinand H. Van Derveor	185	4	2	3	4	118	1	118	1	3	150	1	90	740	12,100	Piermont, N. J.	
Nyack	Henry V. Voorhees	174	12	3	7	2	3	280	14	7	3	225	1	283	590 80	5,909 49	Paterson, N. Y.	
Piermont	William C. Stitt	60	15	7	2	8	81	7	132	8	2	1	1	192	118 26	2,153 50	Spring Valley, N. J.	
Broadway, Paterson	William H. Clark, (s. c.)	99	15	6	10	2	152	8	86	5	1	34	1	200	945 23	11,707 65	Passaic, " "	
Spring Valley	Richard DeWitt	80	10	2	2	2	128	3	86	3	6	..	1	69	55 06	616 20	Paterson, " "	
North Passaic	Charles D. Kellogg	99	19	15	1	1	126	19	126	19	..	36	1	53	111 27	704 42	Paterson, " "	
First Holland, Paterson	James Huyssoon	83	6	17	22	2	121	19	48	19	..	25	1	53	..	395 56	Lodi, " "	
Second Holland, Paterson	Adrian K. Kasse	48	4	16	8	2	121	6	41	6	1	40	1	..	..	98	Hobokus, " "
Holland, Lodi	Vacant	35	..	..	..	1	50	9	50	9	1	40	1	..	..	..	Passaic, " "
Holland, Hobokus	Vacant	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Holland, Passaic	Vacant	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total		1723	164	89	112	2	163	30	2463	163	80	995	21	2841	\$7,662 33	\$71,389 91		

Ministers without Charge.—Isaac D. Cole, Spring Valley, N. Y. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.

Candidate.—William G. Haeselbarth, Nyack, N. Y. *Pastor elect.

† Supplied by Rev. William F. Bets.

† Supplied by Rev Francis Rederius.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession				Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
				On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died									Total now in Communion
Boardville.....	James E. Bernart, (Miss.)	10		2	8	2	2	.....	.....	15	1	15	\$40	.....	Wanaque, Passaic Co., N. J.
Bloomton.....	Frederick F. Wilson.....	*90		14	7	6	4	*75	5	.....	1	85	50	\$1,400	Bloomton, Morris Co., "
Fairfield.....	Eliert N. Schering.....	65		1	4	1	1	95	5	7	1	165	165	1,500	Fairfield, Essex Co., "	
Little Falls.....	George J. Van Neste.....	111		2	7	3	4	122	5	70	1	140	207	1,655	Little Falls, Passaic Co., "	
Montville.....	Isaac H. Colliert.....	826		75	82	8	8	479	120	1	2	100	123	3,025	Bloomton, Morris Co., "	
Sixth Paterson, Holland.....	W. A. Houbolt.....	141		7	5	1	1	227	7	70	1	300	350	1,957	Paterson, Pompton Plains, Morris Co., N. J.	
Pompton Plains.....	John N. Jansen, (s. c.).....	*60		6	3	1	4	131	5	2	4	260	213	2,091	Pompton, Passaic Co., N. J.	
Ponds.....	Theodore F. Chambers.....	50		11	2	2	2	57	7	30	2	90	332	889	Oakland, Bergen Co., "	
Prackness.....	Albert A. Zabriskie.....	65		10	1	1	5	61	11	4	1	100	40	1,000	Paterson, Brookdale, Essex Co., "	
Stone House Plains.....	John Kershaw.....	79		39	4	5	3	114	13	14	3	69	483	700	Paterson, Wyckoff, Bergen Co., "	
First Totowa, (Paterson).....	John Steele.....	100		14	10	9	2	209	7	50	1	125	210	1,207	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., "	
Wyckoff.....	Samuel T. Seale.....	100		5	.....	2	2	*100	16	1	1	75	40	.....	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., "
Total.....		1197	188	124	73	2	32	1856	198	315	21	1684	\$2,188	\$15,425		

Ministery without Charge.—Rev. Abram G. Ryerson, Paterson, N. J. Rev. John C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, Passaic Co., N. J. Rev. James Demarest, 186 Belleville Avenue, Newark, N. J. Rev. A. Vandewater.

*Revised List.

†Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census		COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Number of Families	On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
Harlingen.....	John Gardner.....	150	2	12	10	...	5	250	16	1	50	5	250	\$425	\$2 000	Harlingen, N. J.	
Readington.....	John H. Smock.....	220	11	4	31	...	5	350	10	6	...	5	400	699 93	2,902 41	Readington, N. J.	
Neshanic.....	Gabriel Ludlow.....	170	2	1	...	...	1	257	3	1	...	5	*250	503	1,200	Neshanic, N. J.
First Philadelphia.....	Thomas X. Orr.....	125	6	1	6	...	5	252	4	1	100	2	250	1,107 48	6,684 05	Cor. 7th & Spring Garden, Phila.	
Second Philadelphia.....	C. P. Masden.....	200	86	13	6	...	2	294	4	12	...	2	545	1,343 24	7,646 10	810 Marshall Street, Phila.	
Third Philadelphia*	Vacant.....	140	4	2	4	...	3	218	2	...	100	1	90	1,430	7,000	1201 Spruce, " "	
Fourth Philadelphia.....	P. S. Talmage, (s. c.).....	75	20	16	6	...	6	179	9	3	...	1	200	237	1,598	Roxborough, " "	
Fifth Philadelphia.....	+Vacant.....	100	23	29	...	...	...	*238	30	...	...	1	180	34	3,000	820 Otis Street, Churchville, Pa.
North and South Hampton	H. M. Voorhees.....	115	5	5	3	...	...	...	3	3	...	6	353	4,374 66	1,400	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Blawenburgh.....	William B. Voorhees.....	120	8	2	4	1	1	222	10	7	7	5	75	573 10	1,400	Stanton, " "	
Stanton.....	Edward Cornet.....	65	5	5	...	...	4	150	2	2	...	1	60	...	1,100	Rocky Hill, " "
Rocky Hill.....	Herman C. Berg.....	68	3	6	8	...	1	104	3	8	16	1	...	250	1,200	Rocky Hill, " "	
Clover Hill.....	M. N. Oliver.....	75	8	2	14	...	2	120	8	6	...	...	75	220	1,500	Clover Hill, " "
Addisville.....	Isaac Collier.....	90	5	10	4	2	5	184	8	1	150	...	85	400	1,300	Richboro, Bucks Co., Pa.	
Three Bridges.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	Total.....	1713	138	113	96	—	3	40	3006	107	46	416	85	2910	\$7,575 75	\$42 905 22	

* Ministers without Charge—Rev. John V. N. Talmage, Amoy, China. Rev. G. E. Gramm, 1656 Vienna St., Phila. Rev. Horace Doolittle, North Branch, N. J.

*Last Year's Report.

†Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAPT.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	N. Y.	
		Census Number of Families	Rec'd		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes			Congregational Purposes
			On Confession	On Certificate													
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, (s. c.)	190	20	18	4	6	438	9	6	120	1	230	\$1,096 58	\$5,400	Poughkeepsie,	"	
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	133	34	18	2	7	279	3	7	84	2	210	3,863 53	5,497 26	Poughkeepsie,	"	
Fishkill	P. E. Kipp	195	10	4	2	7	167	2	3	50	8	175	309 76	1,718	Fishkill,	"	
Hopewell	G. Taylor	115	8	2	1	3	*226	3	1	50	4	290	328 29	1,093 40	Hopewell Junction,	"	
New Hackensack	H. Ward	116	5	2	1	3	150	3	3	140	4	140	351 62	1,250	New Hackensack,	"	
Rhinebeck	A. P. Poole	135	5	4	9	10	284	3	5	140	1	140	430 76	2,800	Rhinebeck,	"	
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W. Fritts	120	14	3	6	4	201	6	8	175	4	175	530 15	8,670 96	Fishkill-on-Hudson,	"	
Hyde Park	H. Dater	80	9	5	11	7	162	3	1	73	2	60	24 24	1,400	Hyde Park,	"	
Glenham	J. Scudder, S. S.	55	2	3	2	2	67	3	12	46	1	222	847	1,325	Glenham,	"	
Cold Spring	J. C. Van Deventer	34	9	3	2	2	44	3	12	46	1	134	438 45	2,030 82	Cold Spring,	"	
Millbrook	H. H. Cobb	90	4	1	4	3	118	4	5	180	3	180	4,259 82	2,000	Millbrook,	"	
Total	Total	1163	105	63	41	5	45	2136	44	547	21	1700	\$13,696 78	\$28,185 44			

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. C. Van Cloof, Poughkeepsie. Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. Wm. A. Cornell, Poughkeepsie. Rev. C. D. Rice,
Poughkeepsie. Rev. H. Heermance, Rhinebeck. Rev. A. N. Wyckoff, Geneva, Switzerland.

* Corrected List. + For six months only.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS				
		Census Number of Families	Rec'd		Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
			On Confession	On Certificate													
First Raritan.....	Abram Messler.....	200	23	12	4	...	7	574	15	6	6	127	4	175	...	\$1,315	Somerville, N. J.
Bedminster.....	Charles H. Pool.....	116	22	2	9	...	4	231	8	1	7	...	2	175	...	1,800	Pluckamin, "
Lebanon.....	James B. Campbell.....	162	30	8	6	...	3	241	1	...	...	...	2	150	...	1,177 75	Lebanon, "
Rockaway.....	William Bailey.....	110	1	14	8	...	3	214	6	...	...	...	1	150	...	1,544 71	White House, "
North Branch.....	P. M. Doolittle.....	123	4	9	6	...	6	444	5	...	...	...	1	123	...	2,445	North Branch, "
Second Raritan.....	John F. Mesick, (s. c.).....	200	57	28	13	...	6	444	10	35	...	...	1	255	...	6,000	Somerville, "
Peapack.....	Vacant.....	107	5	1	5	...	1	214	13	4	...	...	1	200	...	1,519	Peapack, "
Branchville.....	William Pitcher.....	110	16	6	10	...	1	207	8	8	...	...	1	200	...	1,600	South Branch, "
Third Raritan.....	James LeFevre.....	130	9	9	16	...	5	273	15	1	112	...	1	200	...	14,508	Raritan, Penn.
Easton.....	C. H. Edgar.....	78	2	20	5	...	1	127	6	...	...	75	1	115	...	...	Easton, Penn.
Plainfield.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Plainfield, N. J.
Central Plainfield.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Plainfield, "
Pottersville.....	John A. Davis.....	73	4	4	5	...	3	91	6	1	...	...	1	85	...	1,535 29	Pottersville, "
High Bridge.....	Vacant.....	58	3	7	...	...	...	78	6	...	...	...	1	75	...	1,718 66	High Bridge, "
Clinton Station.....	Robert Van Amburg, S. S.....	...	2	...	...	...	...	25	4	...	...	...	1	90	...	...	Annandale, "
Wilcox.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	...	602 57	Wilcox, Elk Co., Penn.
Total.....	Total.....	1457	178	120	87	7	32	2903	98	68	314	19	1868	...	\$4,328 82	\$35,755 98	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John Van Derveer, Easton, Penn. Rev. John A. Van Doren, Millstone, N. J. Rev. Wm. Cornell, Somerville, N. J. Rev. Robert Van Amburg, Lebanon, N. J. Rev. Peter D. Oakey, Nesbanc, N. J. Rev. H. F. Schnellendressler, Plainfield, N. J. Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J. Rev. Henry Stout, Missionary, Nagasaki, Japan.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools		Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	(Congregational Purposes)
Blooming Grove	Wilson Ingalls	70	1	3	2	1	..	..	1	2	1	1	1	121	\$69 17	\$1,204 12	Dedreestville, N. Y.
Castleton	George A. Mills	96	11	9	6	5	..	..	6	8	3	..	4	100	512 82	1,569 61	Castleton, Kens. Co.
Chatham	N. H. Van Arsdale	170	..	6	..	..	..	..	4	162	9	..	2	150	203 96	1,900 20	Chatham Village, Ghent, Col. Co.
First Ghent	John B. Drury	65	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	82	3	..	1	80	155	1,210	Hudson "
Second Ghent	Jacob W. Schenck	135	1	2	1	..	..	..	1	133	7	..	30	1	150	1,730	"
Greenbush	William Anderson	150	20	1	2	..	..	..	4	236	6	..	3	220	252 79	4,809 18	East Greenbush, Nassau, Kens. Co.
Kinderhook	Edward A. Collier	200	27	6	3	..	..	..	6	351	7	..	8	200	3, 67 66	8, 67 66	Kinderhook, "
Nassau	Alfred H. Brush	150	2	3	6	1	..	..	1	324	1	..	1	140	1,824 49	1,856	"
New Concord	Cor. S. Mead, S. S.	40	1	3	4	..	..	..	1	46	2	..	1	45	174	600	"
Schodack	Vacant	80	..	4	4	..	..	..	2	61	..	..	4	130	775	775	"
Schodack Landing	Isaac L. Kip	75	3	2	3	..	..	..	7	128	4	..	1	80	147 98	2,020 98	"
Stuyvesant	Elbert Nevius, (S. C.)	90	1	3	..	..	..	..	2	137	1	..	2	155	263 67	1,446 97	"
Stuyvesant Falls	*William C. Fowler	50	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	1	..	..	50	..	650 00	Stuyvesant Falls, "
Total	Total	1351	71	42	82	..	..	..	81	1895	51	337	24	1551	\$4,158	\$22,838 72	

* Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	N. Y.		
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars			Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Boght.....	George I. Taylor, *	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	6	1	1	25	1	54	.....	\$450	Cohoes, Albany Co.
Buskirks.....	Philip Furbeck.....	50	15	2	2	2	2	2	83	1	8	8	.....	2	60	.....	1,045 12	Buskirk's Bridge,
Cohoes.....	Charles N. Waldron.....	170	8	15	5	7	7	7	803	12	3	1	.....	1	230	.....	3,500	Cohoes, Alb. Co.
Easton.....	Abm H. Meyers.....	87	8	.....	4	4	4	4	45	.....	2	1	.....	1	42	.....	805	Easton,
Fort Miller.....	George W. Labaw.....	60	4	7	7	90	1	1	90	.....	7	1	.....	1	60	.....	600	Fort Miller,
Gansevoort.....	Vacant.....	82	7	.....	.....	1	85	.....	1	.....	7	10	.....	2	80	.....	530	Gansevoort,
Jackson.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northumberland.....	George W. Labaw.....	65	.....	2	2	2	2	2	92	8	.....	1	.....	1	50	.....	852 50	Bacon Hill,
Rensselaer.....	George I. Taylor, *	117	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	167	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1,667	Cohoes,
Saratoga.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	267 91	Schuylerville,
Schaghticoke.....	Solomon T. Cole.....	38	4	.....	2	63	.....	1	63	.....	1	.....	.....	1	70	.....	1,06	Mechanicsville,
Union Village.....	John G. Smart.....	53	19	8	2	1	79	.....	1	.....	7	9	.....	1	51	.....	174 20	Greenwich,
Watford.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Troy.....	Alfred J. Hutton.....	122	7	12	1	4	198	10	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	168	.....	712 20	West Troy,
West Troy, South.....	Selah W. Strong.....	125	14	12	8	5	286	17	2	125	2	125	.....	1	225	.....	455 86	West Troy,
Wynantskill.....	Vacant.....	75	9	.....	.....	60	4	5	76	.....	5	76	.....	1	75	.....	1,163 79	Wynantskill,
Total.....	Total.....	988	87	52	28	4	28	1504	55	37	245	16	1165	.....	.....	\$2,844 55	\$24,569 44	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. O. H. Gregory, D. D., West Troy, N. Y. Rev. H. A. Raymond, Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. John Smith, Greenbush, N. Y.
 Rev. J. S. Wyckoff, Wood Haven, Queens Co., L. I. Rev. J. S. L. Tomb, North Chatham, N. Y. * Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
		Number of Families						Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes				
		On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died								Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults
First Schenectady	Asbel G. Vermilye	315	6	3	4	4	5	470	7	3	875	2	637	\$9,000	\$5,907 45	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady	William H. Phraner	175	6	10	7	7	2	189	13	3	3	1	125	119 68	2,492 1	Schenectady,
First Glenville	William N. Randles	180	4	1	14	14	5	206	3	4	4	1	175	232 72	1,190 75	Glenville, Sch'y Co.
Second Glenville	Andrew Johnston	74	3	2	8	8	1	115	3	3	100	5	150	38 11	966 50	Scotie, "
First Rotterdam	John C. Lowe	136	3	2	2	2	2	88	3	3	40	3	150	75 07	795	Pattersonville "
Second Rotterdam	Vacant	100	8	3	9	9	1	119	12	1	316	2	150	262	3,655 81	Schenectady, "
Helderberg	Samuel L. Gamble	217	8	1	1	1	6	418	12	1	150	7	316	185	900	Guilderland Centre, "
Niskayuna	John A. De Baun	100	5	5	1	1	4	175	5	2	100	2	100	163	950	Niskayuna, Sch'y Co.
Lisha's Kill	John A. De Baun	85	5	4	3	3	1	191	5	2	160	2	160	341	950	Niskayuna, "
Amity	Wm. W. Letson	100	5	4	3	3	3	155	11	2	60	1	125	146 75	1,611 07	Vischer's Ferry, "
Princtown	J. Kelly Rhinehart	90	5	8	4	4	1	155	11	2	25	2	140	20	405 10	Dunnsville, "
Cranesville	Vacant	30	5	4	2	2	1	23	2	2	1	1	20	20	405 10	Cranesville, "
	Total	1597	50	41	49	49	82	2804	55	19	1010	29	2248	\$10,583 33	\$19,823 79	

Minist'ers without Charge.—Rev. A. J. Switz, Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. R. B. Welch, Professor in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. D. B. Hall, Duaneburg, N. Y. Rev. Denis Wortman, Hopewell Junction, N. Y. Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y. Rev. Elbert Slingerland, *Emertus*, Glenville, N. Y.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now In Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes			
Schoharie	Wm. H. Handy	108				3		2	114			14	1	60	\$22 81	\$1,453 92	Schoharie,		
Middleburgh	S. W. Roe	96	2					4	186	8	1		2	121	136 57	1,306	Middleburgh,		
Gallupville	J. H. Kerslow, (s. c.)	65	4			2	1	4	103	1	2	30	1	120	88 92	889 36	Gallupville,		
Berne	Robert Doig	59		3				1	4	3		20	1	50	119 42	592 04	Berne,		
Beaver Dam	Robert Doig	64	31			1		1	94	8	12	15	1	60	8	472 38	Berne,		
Lawyerville	J. Markle	28	1					1	38	1	1		1	25	17 80	300	Lawyerville,		
Schoharie Mt	J. Markle	19				1			22			30	1	25	4	300	Lawyerville,		
North Blenheim	E. Miller	40	2					1	30			15	1	70	300	+300	North Blenheim,		
Breakabin	E. Miller	30	5						58	5	8	14	1	75	15	350	North Blenheim,		
Sharon	T. L. Shaffer	50				1		2	100	4		30	1	475	85	600	Sharon Center,		
Gilboa	Rev. Mr. Ball, S. S.	85							117								Gilboa,		
Eminence	E. Miller, S. S.	7							6								Eminence,		
Total		651	45	4		7	3	13	925	19	19	108	11	681	\$412 61	\$6,708 70			

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. S. Lott, 54 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn, L. I. Rev. J. H. Van Woert, Lawyerville, Schoharie Co., N. Y. Rev. J. M. Sorlbner, Middleburgh, Schoharie Co., N. Y. + Last year's report.
* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census Number of Families	On Confession		On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Scholars	Religious and Re- nervent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Blue Mountain	Vacant	80	3	8	2	8	4	186	19	34	1	170	\$20 50	\$775	Saugerties, Ulster Co., N. Y.	
Caatsban	S. Searle	75	13	6	2	8	2	157	8	70	2	80	701 55	700	Ulster Park,	
Esopus	J. N. Voorhis, (s. c.)	100	4	7	2	2	5	59	7	130	2	120	686 58	4,466 75	Glasco,	
Flatbush	A. Anderson	123	20	1	4	4	7	271	12	11	1	259	204 23	1,390 77	Kingston,	
Kingston	D. N. Vanderveer	262	14	6	4	4	4	444	4	20	1	188	2,429 88	2,429 51	Port Ewen,	
North Esopus	A. M. Arcularius	87	2	2	4	4	6	122	7	130	1	172	1,200	1,860	Glasco,	
Plattekill	W. G. E. See	175	8	6	5	8	247	4	2	4	1	1	45 85	45 85	Saugerties,	
Saugerties	S. H. Cobb	85	8	8	3	8	167	1	4	4	1	1	43,980 54	\$11,818 58	Shokan,	
Shokan	A. Westveer	86	2	1	4	4	145	5	2	50	1	100	43,980 54	\$11,818 58	West Hurley,	
Shandaken	C. Blaauvelt	70	10	2	2	2	8	95	2	2	100	43,980 54	\$11,818 58	Woodstock,		
West Hurley	W. S. Moore	60	8	1	2	2	8	95	2	2	100	43,980 54	\$11,818 58	Kingston,		
Woodstock	J. R. Talmage*	1153	87	87	29	29	27	1843	64	474	18	1369	\$3,850 54	\$11,818 58		
Wiltwyck	Total	1153	87	87	29	29	27	1843	64	474	18	1369	\$3,850 54	\$11,818 58		

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y. John C. F. Hoos, D D., Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y. C. Van Santvoord, D.D., Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y. Alex. Gallick, Woodstock, Ulster Co., N. Y. A. P. Freese.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y. John C. F. Hoes, D. D., Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y. C. Van Santvoord, D. D., Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y. Alex. Gulick, Woodstock, Ulster Co., N. Y. A. P. Fruese.

* Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Beneficent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Bronxville.....	Alfred E. Myers.....	45	2	5	3	53	2	8	100	1	81	\$251 05	\$2,132	Bronxville, N. Y.		
Cordlandtown.....	John B. Thompson.....	450	20	1	2	40	6	100	20	1	100	250	2,935	Peekskill, "		
Fordham.....	William Brush.....	44	4	2	1	87	4	20	20	1	60	25	1,575	Fordham, "		
Greenburg.....	Francis Bagley.....	85	2	1	3	1	59	4	20	1	50	25	1,200	Tarrytown, "		
Greenville.....	R. L. Schoonmaker, P. E.....	90	3	4	3	2	164	4	10	2	210	1,000 15	3,678 56	Hastings-on-Hudson, "		
Hastings.....	Thomas E. G. Peck.....	54	9	6	6	1	120	27	17	1	175	62	927 73	Morrisania, "		
Melrose.....	George Windemuth.....	90	9	14	4	115	7	174	1	120	174	358 89	4,754 82	Mount Vernon, "		
Mount Vernon.....	Manlius H. Hutton, (s. c.).....	62	5	1	5	114	3	120	1	155	120	89 90	2,251	Peekskill, "		
Peekskill.....	John B. Thompson.....	126	5	6	5	7	243	8	2	1	155	868	5,094 84	North Tarrytown, "		
Tarrytown, First.....	John Knox Allen.....	100	6	4	11	6	295	2	1	60	1	2,085 65	4,172 95	Tarrytown, "		
Tarrytown, Second.....	John A. Todd.....	434	6	2	2	1	56	1	15	1	30	93 65	800	Neperan, "		
Unionville.....	Lawrence H. Van Dyck.....	456	6	2	2	1	483	5	3	48	1	133	318 52	West Farms, "		
West Farms.....	John Simonson.....	418	11	9	1	2	234	12	1	100	1	842	1,699 76	Yonkers, "		
Yonkers.....	David Cole.....	829	77	50	47	24	1714	81	10	547	15	1765	\$7,102 87	\$87,150 71		
Total.....																

Ministers without Charge.—John Garretson, D. D., New Brunswick, N. J. W. Roosevelt, Pelham, N. Y. W. W. Rand, 150 Nassau St., N. Y. W. J. Hill, Hibernia, N. Y.

Candidates.—Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y. Alex. Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y.

+ The reduction of families and members is in accordance with the directions of Synod. Minutes Vol. XI, p. 80.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN—P. S. C.

JUNE, 1874.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Alto	John H. Karsten.....	101	9	6	1	2	185	25	160	160	.....	.....	\$300	\$1,000	Waupun, Wis.
Bethlehem *	Vacant.....	13	.....	.....	.....	1	31	10	10	20	1	170	5	.....	Town 8, Milwaukee Co., Wis.
Danforth.....	Vacant.....	35	4	10	.....	.....	20	49	1	20	1	.....	789	8,417	Danforth, Iroquois Co., Ill.
Chicago.....	B. De Bey.....	190	20	14	27	8	280	1	162	1	.....	.....	123	120	Chicago, Ill.
Franklin.....	Vacant.....	21	.....	6	.....	.....	39	18	21	.....	.....	.....	41	70	Franklin, Milwaukee Co., Wis.
Foreston.....	F. E. Schlieder.....	55	5	.....	.....	5	51	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	1,083	Foreston, Ogle Co., Ill.
Fulton *	John Van der Meulen.....	47	5	2	.....	.....	46	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	388	600	Fulton, Ill.
Gibbsville.....	J. W. Dunnewold.....	76	8	2	8	1	151	9	125	1	185	1	170	1,043	Gibbsville, Sheboygan Co., Wis.
Greenleaf.....	P. Lepeltak.....	65	.....	7	.....	.....	80	7	118	1	.....	.....	170	750	Forestville, Minnesota
Holland, Wis.....	Vacant.....	81	4	2	3	4	180	14	109	1	100	1	746	965	Cedar Gr., Sheboygan Co., Wis.
High Prairie.....	H. R. Koopman.....	118	23	18	5	8	210	35	160	1	145	1	1,000	1,221	Calumet, Cook Co., Ill.
Holland, Neb.....	J. W. te Winkel.....	60	8	25	21	1	88	16	40	1	45	1	182	496	South Pass, Lancaster Co., Neb.
Milwaukee.....	A. Duiker.....	60	.....	5	7	2	120	6	95	1	150	1	240	1,022	618 Tenth St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Oostburg.....	Vacant.....	86	.....	1	7	.....	74	4	50	.....	.....	.....	150	288	Oostburg, Sheboygan Co., Wis.
Peoria.....	John Muller.....	45	6	.....	1	2	43	13	17	1	100	.....	45	980	Peoria, Ill.
P. P. and White Rock.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Paine's Point, Ogle Co., Ill.
South Holland.....	A. Buursma.....	40	4	3	2	1	150	19	100	1	100	.....	496	1,916	South Holland, Cook Co., Ill.
Silver Creek.....	N. M. Steffens, (s. c.).....	121	14	2	1	2	142	36	1	80	1	95	976	2,417	Freeport, Ill.
Sheboygan Falls *	Vacant.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Sheboygan Falls, Wis.
Sec. Ref. Ch., Neb.....	Vacant.....	28	7	29	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		1252	120	120	96	8	31	1909	275	13	1346	12	\$5,773	\$17,819	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Chas. Wilson, Two Rivers, Wis. Rev. H. Van der Schuur, Oostburg, Wis. Rev. H. G. Klyn, Pella, Iowa.
 * Last year's report.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA, FOR THE YEAR 1874.

CLASSES.										C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.	
Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	On Con- fession.	Rec'd. On Cer- tifi- cation.	Now in Com- munion.	BAP.		No. of Cat- echeumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total No. Scholars.	Religious and Bene- volent Purposes.		Congrega- tional Purposes.		Rev.	
							Infants.	Adults.									
Classis of Albany.....	17	81	1520	159	59	2880	99	42	350	21	2767	\$10,536	\$94,221			J. Lansing Pearse.	
Classis of Arcot.....	17	9	138	29	53	781	105	52	890	44	727	941	159			John Soudner.	
Classis of Bergen.....	14	17	1924	168	55	2001	316	19	1368	15	2060	4,752	17,863			W. R. Gordon.	
South Classis of Bergen.....	11	11	916	119	54	1492	112	4	1066	11	2024	8,085	33,204			Wm. Rankin Duryee.	
Classis of Cayuga.....	12	10	911	78	6	1214	28	35	851	13	1605	6,121	25,488			William A. Wurts.	
Classis of Grand River.....	11	9	1489	101	168	1694	325	41	1204	16	1298	3,369	14,691			J. De Pree.	
Classis of Geneva.....	19	17	1204	133	92	2008	99	47	485	16	1174	2,428	22,216			John Whitbeck.	
Classis of Greenville.....	10	10	690	48	24	1397	26	29	114	11	640	1,497	13,126			Benjamin Van Zandt.	
Classis of Holland.....	16	14	1184	124	146	2019	260	...	1669	8	1381	5,949	15,486			William Moerdyk.	
Classis of Hudson.....	10	13	1670	74	95	1725	59	19	140	13	1383	5,111	20,144			John McC. Holmes.	
Classis of Illinois.....	20	21	1319	216	78	1936	219	41	741	27	1978	3,650	21,931			John S. Joramton.	
Classis of Kingston.....	13	10	1346	70	24	2041	97	28	512	24	1700	2,302	17,398			Philip Peltz.	
North Classis of Long Island.....	18	21	1787	178	72	2866	271	55	747	25	3754	4,364	52,702			Wm. H. Ten Eyck.	
South Classis of Long Island.....	15	20	1701	242	170	3417	225	47	1424	21	4330	41,373	71,576			David S. Sutphen.	
Classis of Michigan.....	9	10	352	25	25	542	20	5	...	9	1222	426	5,535			John W. Beardslee.	
Classis of Monmouth.....	8	11	587	40	20	1125	25	19	600	13	675	1,487	16,082			James Bolton.	
Classis of Montgomery.....	23	16	1739	187	53	1920	88	71	257	19	2042	2,557	36,225			A. J. Hingeman.	
Classis of Newark.....	11	15	1351	214	120	2077	121	26	1352	13	2403	13,976	53,609			Isaac P. Brokaw.	
Classis of New Brunswick.....	10	17	1760	303	99	4582	217	35	989	23	2403	15,884	26,695			Richard H. Steele.	
Classis of New York.....	19	20	620	103	66	1252	216	25	368	6	1609	3,916	36,203			Tabbot W. Chambers.	
South Classis of New York.....	6	11	1381	215	84	3535	181	59	893	31	2145	6,347	29,455			Stephen H. Meeker.	
Classis of Orange.....	25	24	1723	164	89	2463	163	30	995	21	2341	7,662	32,322			Edward W. Bentley.	
Classis of Paramus.....	20	18	1197	183	124	1806	198	32	315	21	1634	2,188	11,389			William H. Clark.	
Classis of Passaic.....	13	17	1173	138	118	3006	107	45	416	35	2910	7,575	15,425			John N. Jansen.	
Classis of Philadelphia.....	15	15	1163	105	63	2136	44	44	547	21	1700	13,696	42,905			P. Stryker Talmage.	
Classis of Poughkeepsie.....	11	17	1437	178	120	2903	98	28	314	19	1808	4,324	28,185			A. P. Van Gieson.	
Classis of Raritan.....	16	19	1351	71	42	1895	51	65	337	24	1551	4,158	35,756			John F. Mesick.	
Classis of Rensselaer.....	13	12	988	87	52	1504	55	37	245	16	1165	2,844	22,838			Albert Nevius.	
Classis of Saratoga.....	16	14	1597	50	41	2304	55	19	1010	29	2248	10,583	24,569			C. N. Waldron.	
Classis of Schoenectady.....	12	15	651	45	4	928	19	19	168	11	681	412	19,823			John A. De Bann.	
Classis of Schoharie.....	12	11	1153	87	37	1843	64	29	474	13	1369	3,380	6,708			J. H. Kershaw.	
Classis of Ulster.....	13	16	829	77	50	1714	81	10	547	15	765	7,103	11,813			* Jacob N. Voorhees.	
Classis of Westchester.....	14	18	1252	120	120	1909	275	13	1346	12	1180	5,773	87,150			Marcus H. Hutton.	
Classis of Wisconsin.....	20	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,819			N. M. Steffens.	
Total.....	489	520	9 43,099	4237	2450	69,149	4378	951	22,764	629	64,164	\$276,464	\$931,256				

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Particular Synods, to the General Synod.

Your Committee on these Minutes would respectfully report, that they find on page 6 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany a memorial from the Classis of Greene, asking the General Synod to return to the former plan of the organization of the Board of Superintendents, presenting several reasons for the same.

Resolved, That this memorial be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

On page 8, we find that the Classis of Rensselaer received a Mr. Fowler into the ministry of the Church, without the presence of the Deputatus; they, however, having taken due pains to obtain one, yet failed.

Resolved, That under the circumstances, the Synod excuse them.

On page 9, the Synod of Albany refers to a resolution of the last General Synod, discontinuing the interchange of delegates between the Particular Synods, which, being a matter of constitutional provision, the General Synod exceeded its powers; therefore,

Resolved, That the resolutions of 1872 and '73, referring to this subject, be repealed.

Your Committee call the attention of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick to the fact that, in many instances, the answer "No" to certain constitutional questions was passed without further notice.

Resolved, That the Particular Synods call the attention of their various Classes to the requirements of the Constitution, as found on page 32, sec. 13.

We find a convenient summary of the classical reports in the Minutes of the Synod of New York.

Resolved, That each Particular Synod be required to make and publish a summary table of the classical reports.

Resolved, That the several Particular Synods call the attention of the various Classes to the subject of Benevolence, and that they

enjoin upon them the necessity of securing the compliance of the Churches under their care with the requirements of the General Synod regarding all the benevolent objects which they have designated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LUTHER H. VAN DOREN,

Chairman.

• OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Overtures respectfully report that the following papers have been put into their hands, to wit :

1. A letter from the Classis of New York, containing a paper sent to them, whose purport is a dismissal of the Churches of Amelia and Mattoax, Va., by the Particular Synod of Chicago, from its care to that of said Classis. But as it was not competent for the Particular Synod to dispose of these Churches by transfer that business coming within the province of General Synod alone, Classis resolved, on April, 21st ult, that said paper be sent to General Synod. Though the Classis sent no request in regard to the matter, it is quite evident that the object of sending it was to get the sanction and authority of General Synod for the transfer of the above-named Churches from the Particular Synod of Chicago to the Classis of New York, in connection with the Particular Synod of New York. There is a manifest propriety in this change, and in order that it be properly made, your Committee recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Churches of Amelia and Mattoax, Va., be transferred from the care and jurisdiction of the Particular Synod of Chicago to the care of the Classis of New York, under the jurisdiction of the Particular Synod of New York.

At the same session, it was

Resolved, That the Classis make an application to General Synod for a dispensation to R. Strok and A. J. Beekman, who have pursued their studies in the Union Theological Seminary, for licensure by this Classis.

This request is simply, that these brethren who have been prepared at a Seminary of a sister Church be allowed to present themselves to the Classis of New York, and that the Classis be allowed to examine them, upon their presentation of the usual certificate of the Professors under whom they have studied instead of one from our own Professors. Your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That upon their presentation of the usual certificate from the Professors of Union Theological Seminary, certifying to their attainments, and recommending them for examination with a view to the gospel ministry, that Messrs. R. Strok and A. J. Beekman shall be entitled to an examination for licensure by the Classis of New York.

2. An application from the Classis of Montgomery for a dispensation from the prescribed course of theological study in favor of Mr. Sharply. The Classis plead the following reasons:

"(1.) *It is impossible for Mr. Sharply to follow the regular course of study.* He is a student under the care of Classis, as to whose piety and abilities the Classis is satisfied, but who from the fact that he is thirty-four years of age, and has a wife and four children dependent upon him, is unable to prosecute the usual course of collegiate and theological study.

(2.) *The success with which his ministrations are attended.* For the past fifteen years, during which he has had the ministry in view, he has been engaged with unusual success in evangelical labor. He had charge of a preaching service at different times in England, under the supervision of a settled pastor; and since his coming to this country, a year and a half ago, in addition to his labor as school teacher, has been almost continuously engaged in preaching with remarkable acceptance and spiritual profit to his hearers, making the Classis, from his usefulness in the past, to hope that an abundant harvest awaits his ingathering in the future.

(3.) *The desire and need of the Mapleton charge, that he became their pastor.*

His particular relation to this Church enforces this petition. This is a weak Church, and one which seemed likely but a little while ago to become first permanently vacant, and then extinct. Mr. Sharpley has, however, been laboring in their midst, preaching the

Gospel to them with the effect of greatly strengthening the Church and making its future to be full of promise, provided that their desire that he be ordained and settled as their pastor be speedily granted.

(4.) *The attainments of Mr. Sharpley.*

The attainments of Mr. Sharpley in the branches of study on which an examination for licensure shall be had, are very respectable. He is a graduate of Homerton College, London; has, in addition to a proficiency in the ordinary branches, a good knowledge of French, Latin, and Greek, was for more than three years engaged in biblical and theological study under the direction of Rev. James Bedell, Manchester, England; and has, during a number of years past devoted much time and labor to fitting himself to the gospel ministry, and heartily accepts the faith, approves the polity, and enters into the spirit of our denomination.

The petition closes with the following paragraph: "While the Classis is most strenuous in maintaining a high standard of scholarship in its licentiates, from its hearty agreement with the policy and practice of the Church in insisting upon a *learned ministry*, they do *unanimously* petition your reverend body that a dispensation be granted in this case;" therefore,

Resolved, That a dispensation from the prescribed requirements of the Constitution, in this case be granted.

3. A memorial from the Classis of Westchester, asking General Synod to provide a column in the table of Statistical Reports, for the report of funds given to congregational and benevolent purposes, out of the income of charitable bequests, or other invested funds, committed in trust to the care of the Churches. Such a report is regarded by this Classis as necessary, in order to give adequate and honorable expression to the benevolent spirit of Christianity, especially as manifested by the sainted dead. Or if it be deemed more advisable by the General Synod, that that body be requested to rescind the resolution prohibiting the Churches from reporting congregational and benevolent appropriations out of the income of charitable bequests or other funds intrusted to their care.

In regard to this matter, your Committee think on the one hand that the benevolent spirit of Christianity, especially as manifested by the sainted dead, will not be dishonored by the omission of such a column as above indicated; nor will it disturb the sainted dead,

who have ceased to manifest it on earth; and, on the other, they think that the reasons given by the Classis for the alteration proposed are not enough to justify the alteration, either way, as proposed by the Classis. Your Committee propose the following:

Resolved, That the Classis of Westchester be respectfully informed that General Synod deems it inexpedient to authorize any alteration in the Statistical Tables, either by omission or addition, as suggested by Classis.

4. An application from the South Classis of Long Island, "in behalf of Norman F. Nickerson" who, having "pursued his theological studies at the Union Theological Seminary, in the City of New York, desires that he may commence his ministerial life in the Reformed Church." The Classis asks relief from the rule requiring a professorial certificate from New Brunswick, and that Classis be permitted to examine him for licensure and ordination. Your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the request of the South Classis of Long Island be granted.

5. An application from the Classis of Holland, dated April 1st and 2d, to dispense with the requirement of Hebrew and Greek in the case of Mr. Hasenberg, theological student at Hope College, and for permission to examine him for licensure.

Resolved, That the request be granted.

6. An overture from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, respecting Hymn Books.

"The Classis of Poughkeepsie beg leave respectfully to inform General Synod that some of the Churches within the bounds of Classis, having at heart the promotion of the spirit and utterance of praise, in their congregations, do earnestly desire a larger liberty of selection in the matter of Hymn and Tune Books. Preference has been expressed by some for the book entitled 'Songs of the Sanctuary;' and by others, for that entitled 'The Church Hymn Book.' Classis can see no good reason why the liberty to use either of them in public worship should be withheld from such Churches as desire it. The Classis therefore respectfully requests the Synod, at its approaching session, to approve and recommend the collections of hymns and tunes respectively entitled 'Songs of the Sanctuary' and 'The Church Hymn Book,' to the end that such of our Churches as wish so to do, may, in accordance with the Constitution, employ the said collections in public worship."

Your Committee are somewhat surprised at this request. The Church has already and recently been liberally supplied with hymns and tunes to the amount of hundreds, and surely there can be no reasonable want in this respect unsupplied. While possibly there might be "the promotion of the spirit and utterance of praise," in one Church, there probably would be the promotion of ultimate distraction in regard to our hymnology throughout the denomination, should this policy of a larger liberty be adopted. Besides, if Synod now grant the use of the books referred to, how can they refuse two others, equally good, and perhaps better, just to satisfy the "desire of larger liberty of selection," for the following year, and so on, until we absorb every hymn book found on the Continent? We think this request untimely, and cannot but believe the use of the above-named books would tend still more to break up that uniformity of worship which once more happily characterized our Church. Your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That General Synod deem it unwise and inexpedient to authorize in the Churches of our denomination the two books aforesaid, as specified by the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. GORDON, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS

The Committee on Judicial business respectfully report, that two complaints have been referred to them for examination.

The first is the complaint of Mr. J. W. Goosen against the action of the Consistory of the Church of Zeeland, Mich. He complains that said Consistory suspended him from its communion because of his connection with the Masonic fraternity; this complaint your Committee find to be irregular and defective—irregular, as the Constitution defines that greater assemblies shall take cognizance of such matters alone as cannot be determined in a less, and he should have gone to Classis; defective, in that it presents no authenticated copy of the proceedings of the Consistory, and no evidence that Consistory have any notice of this complaint. And as our Constitution provides that all parties who feel aggrieved by the action of Consistories, may appeal to the Classis, your Committee recommend

that this communication be returned to Mr. Goosen, with the advice that if he has any cause for complaint, he should seek redress by going to Classis in the proper constitutional way.

The second complaint referred to us by Synod is that of Elders Elting and Westbrook, of the Church of Deer Park, against the Consistory of said Church, and also against the Classis of Orange. This complaint involves the right of the Deacons to vote on a certain question, defining what part the choir and organ shall take in the order of divine worship.

Your Committee, in examining the papers placed in their hands, find that this case of complaint has not been properly notified to the Classis; the President of Classis not having received any notification before the 30th day of May, only three or four days before the meeting of this Synod.

It is furthermore irregular in that the proper course for it is to go to Particular Synod. According to the direction of the Constitution, the matters complained of cannot be received here unless they should be of such a nature as to affect the interest of all the Churches under the care of this body in such a way as to require immediate action.

The question of the Deacons voting in this particular case, which is the grievance in this complaint, is so involved in all the proceedings, both of the Consistory and of the Classis, that it cannot be reached by this body without a review of all the proceedings. And as Particular Synod is the proper court of review in this case, your Committee do not feel it to be their duty to recommend any action by General Synod on the case.

Respectfully,

J. SIMONSON, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The action of the Classes on the Revised Constitution was received, and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. J. L. Amerman, Rev. H. E. Decker, and Elder Lawrence Van Der veer.

The Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

Your Special Committee, to whom were referred the papers containing the action of the Classes, in the matter of the Revised Constitution, respectfully report, that they have received and examined such papers from thirty-one (31) of the thirty four (34) Classes which compose the Church. The vote of these Classes is as follows :

For the adoption of the Revised Constitution as a whole, with the exception of the four (4) sections upon which the Synod asked for separate action, *Nineteen*. (19)

Against its adoption, *Eight*, (8.)

It appears that several Classes, misapprehending the matter presented for their consideration, have taken separate action upon the two (2) amendments to the Revised Constitution, made by the Synod of last year, (See Acts and Proceedings of General Synod 1873, page 722,) and three (3) of these voting adversely to one or both of said amendments, make void their vote upon the adoption of the Revised Constitution as a whole. While this lessens the majority in favor of the Revised Constitution, it does not affect the result.

The report of one Classis shows no record of action upon the Revised Constitution as a whole.

Upon Art. VII, Sec. 4, and Art. VIII, Sec. 4 of the Deputatus Synodi, *nine*, (9) Classes vote in favor of their adoption, and *twenty-one* (21) against their adoption. One report shows no record of action on these sections.

Upon Art. VII, Sec. 8, the second question in reference to the Heidelberg Catechism, *eighteen* (18) Classes vote in favor of its adoption, and *twelve* (12) against its adoption. One report shows no record of action on this section.

Upon Art. X, Sec. 4, in reference to the order of worship, *twenty-two* (22) Classes vote in favor of its adoption, and *five* (5) against its adoption. *Four* (4) reports have no record of action upon this section.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following :

Whereas, The Synod of 1873 submitted to the Classes a Revised Constitution, with its recommendation that they adopt it, excepting four (4) specified sections, and submitted these four (4) specified sections, with like recommendation, asking that separate action should be taken upon each of them, and,

Whereas, The Constitution of the Church, Chap. IV. Art. IV, Sec. 15, provides, in reference to the four chapters of the Constitution, that no alteration shall be made "but by previous recommendation from the General Synod to the respective Classes, and the consent of a majority of the same to such proposed alteration, together with the final determination and resolution of the General Synod for the time being," and,

Whereas, The consent of the majority of the Classes has been obtained to the adoption of the Revised Constitution as a whole, excepting Art. VII, Sec. 4, Art. VIII, Sec 4, Art. VII, Sec. 8 and Art. X, Sec. 4, and,

Whereas, The consent of a majority of the Classes has been refused to Art. VII, Sec. 4 and Art. VIII, Sec 4, and has been obtained to Art. VII, Sec. 8 and Art. X, Sec 4, therefore,

Resolved, That this General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, now convened in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., determine and resolve, that the said Revised Constitution, is and shall be, from the day of the final adjournment of this session of the Synod, the Constitution of the Reformed Church in America, excepting only Art. VII, Sec. 4 and Art. VIII, Sec. 4.

Your Committee further report, that the paper received from the Classis of Kingston contains a recommendation that General Synod "propose an amendment permitting some discretion to the officiating Minister in the afternoon and evening service."

Also that the paper received from the Classis of Montgomery contains the statement that said Classis has expressed its preference "to have the form of worship prescribed as a recommendation."

In view of the fact that the form or order of service has already the attention of this Synod, as a part of the Liturgy, your Committee deem it unnecessary to make any suggestions in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. L. AMERMAN,	}	<i>Special Committee.</i>
HENRY E. DECKER,		
LAWRENCE VANDERVEER.		

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution reported in relation to the Lemmata, and recommend no change for the present.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod heartily sympathize with the earnest efforts being made by the Christian public in behalf of the cause of temperance ; and so far as the means used are scriptural, would endorse the popular movement, and urge upon ministers and consistories of our Churches the great importance of giving all possible aid and counsel to the earnest workers in this good cause.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

The Committee on the Revision of the Liturgy presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Committee on the Revision of the Liturgy beg leave respectfully to report, that in obedience to the direction of the General Synod of last year, they have caused to be printed and sent to each Consistory a copy of the revised Liturgy ; and in compliance with the same direction, they present it to this General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

MANCIUS S. HUTTON, *Chairman*.

After a full discussion of the whole subject of the revision of the Liturgy, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod approve of so much of the Liturgy reported by the Committee as is not inconsistent with, or forbidden by the Constitution, and give permission to use the same, this resolution not sanctioning any change in the Baptismal form, or the form for the Administration of the Lord's Supper.

The *Ayes* and *Nays* having been called for on the adoption of the above resolution, they were taken and recorded, and are as follows :

Ayes :—T. S. Dusingberre, D. S. Wright, J. W. Schenck, Augustus Blauvelt, J. F. Harris, D. S. Schoonmaker, J. B. Alliger, J. M. Wagner, D. V. Weeks, D. S. Sutphen, C. R. Blauvelt, E. P. Ingersoll, J. R. Bennett, C. N. Sampson, D. Vanderveer, A. R.

Thompson, A. F. Todd, A. S. Schoonmaker, C. W. Fritts, A. P. Peeke, Edwin Hill, Walter Brett, John Simonson, L. H. Van Dyck, R. H. Pruyn, G. H. Peeke, W. J. Bacon, J. W. Patterson, W. W. Brush, A. M. Mann, J. Whitbeck, G. S. Wyckoff, A. F. Munn, O. Lampman, P. T. Deyo, A. Hees, F. Vedder, J. B. Drury. A. H. Brush, J. S. Hare, H. Van De Carr, J. G. Smart, S. T. Cole, G. I. Taylor, A. Marshall, J. C. Viele, W. W. Letson, A. Dorn, W. M. Brink, A. H. Van Vranken, M. A. Mareness, A. Thompson, H. E. Decker, P. S. Brokaw, J. Mayo, E. Van der Hart, M. Kiekintveld, F. Van Driele, W. R. Gordon, J. H. Suydam, R. Voorhees, P. Van Buskirk, W. R. Duryee, J. L. Amerman, L. H. Van Doren, C. S. Hageman, E. P. Terhune, S. R. W. Heath, W. H. Kirk, L. Vanderveer, G. Talmage, J. H. Duryea, H. V. Voorhees, J. H. Whitehead, T. F. Chambers, F. F. Wilson, W. B. Voorhees, D. S. Jones, J. Van Zandt.—Total, 79.

Nays.:—P. Van Wyck, P. Peltz, A. McKelvey, H. D. Ganse, R. Wells, J. Sturges, J. Wood, A. C. Wood, J. B. Steele, J. F. Shaw, J. Lyon, A. P. Van Gieson, R. Walsh, A. D. Campbell, R. F. Stanbrough, A. J. Hageman, J. C. Lowe, W. H. Phraner, N. Vischer, E. Miller, S. H. Cobb, J. H. Freligh, C. Rhynsburger, F. E. Schlieder, A. Buursma, W. H. Van Doren, Wm. Reiley, S. W. Jones, G. Abeel, R. H. Steele, A. McWilliam, E. T. Corwin, J. Foster, J. Conover, J. W. Ferdon, J. I. Ackerman, J. Collier, W. Pitcher, T. F. Corneli.—Total, 39.

Rev. Charles H. Pool, and Elders John Rodman and Rynier H. Veghte, having been absent when the vote was taken, requested to be recorded as desiring to vote in the affirmative, and the Rev. H. Uiterwyk and W. Moerdyk in the negative. The request was granted.

The Committee on revision of the "Hymns of the Church," presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee "appointed to unite with the present Committee on Hymnology to revise the music and Hymns of the book entitled Hymns of the Church, and endeavor to secure, if possible, its publication at a lower price," respectfully report, that they have conferred with the Committee on Hymnology, and with the following results, viz:

1. So far as the Hymns are concerned, it has been unadvisable and impracticable to admit any change.

2. In the department of Music, important changes have been unanimously agreed upon. Many tunes, which, although excellent as specimens of musical composition, have been proven by experience, to be ill-adapted to congregational singing, have been withdrawn, and others, more simple or more familiar, have been substituted in their place.

3. In accordance with these views and conclusions, a new edition of the "Hymns of the Church" has been published, and is now ready for the supply of the Churches. In this new edition the Hymns stand precisely as they stood in the original edition. The only alteration consists in the displacement of a number of the tunes by others which were deemed more available for congregational use.

4 The Committee regret that they are compelled to add that there has been, thus far, no reduction in the retail price of the book in the plain style of binding, which is in most general use. On examining the list recently received from the publishers, it appears that of the special edition, containing the Liturgy of the Reformed Church in America, the introductory price has been reduced from \$2 00 to \$1 80. The retail price also of the book in the more expensive styles of binding, has been reduced in about the same proportion. In the plainer style of binding however, the retail price still remains \$3 00. Your Committee feel therefore that in their endeavor to secure the "publication at a lower price," they have met with but small success.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the revised edition of the book entitled "Hymns of the Church," be, and hereby is approved and recommended to the Churches.

A. P. VAN GIESON, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Forty-second Annual Report of the Board of Education was received and referred to the Committee on Education, with the ex-

ception of so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Education respectfully report : The only paper submitted to their consideration is the *Forty-second* Annual Report of the Board of Education, the chief points of which are : that during the year ending April 30, 1874, eighty-two students have been under care of the Board, distributed among our own collegiate and theological institutions, with a few elsewhere ; of these, ten finished their theological course in 1873, and six the present year ; two have suspended study on account of ill health, one has died, and three have withdrawn, leaving fifty-seven at the close of the year.

Eleven Parochial Schools, with an aggregate of 590 pupils, have been aided ; fifteen conversions are reported.

Receipts are about the same as last year, a total from collections and individuals, \$13,164 83.

The Laing Fund has at length been paid, yielding only \$7,500 instead of \$60,000, which had been expressed in the will of the donor ; a bequest of \$250 from the estate of Mrs. Ainslee has also been paid.

The debt of the Board is \$7,000. From this abstract it appears that the condition of the Board is fully up to the average of prosperity. It is, however, very much below what ought to be accomplished, considering the importance of the work ; the putting of young men into the ministry is the *initial* duty, as it provides laborers for the field, without which the harvest is not secured. It is the gateway of success. Home Missions, Foreign Missions are nothing without men to go forth ; the living ministry is the divinely appointed agency for the world's evangelization. As this is the end contemplated by the Board of Education, its claims demand the first attention.

In view of the foregoing, the Committee recommend the following :

1st. *Resolved*, That General Synod recognizes the Board of Education as one of its chief agencies in church work, and earnestly commends it to the liberality of the Churches.

2d. *Resolved*, That the Board be requested to take steps at the earliest opportunity to liquidate its debt.

3d. *Resolved*, That the last Thursday of January be recommended as a day of special prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit on the youth of our schools and seminaries of learning.

All which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. DECKER, *Chairman*.

By approval of Committee.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Education:—Revs. M. S. Hutton, D.D., W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., J. H. Manning, D.D., G. H. Mandeville, D.D., Messrs. F. J. Hosford, Johnson Letson, John H. Browning, and Dumont Frelinghuysen.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHURCH COLLEGES.

The Annual Report of the Council of Hope College was presented, read and referred to the Committee on the Professorate. It is as follows:

HOPE COLLEGE, May 27, 1874.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Council of Hope College beg leave to present their Annual Report as follows:

At the regular meeting of the Council in June, 1873, the following officers were elected:

Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, *President*; Rev. John H. Karsten, *Ad-sessor*; Rev. A. T. Stewart, *Secretary*.

A special meeting was held in August, 1873, chiefly in behalf of the financial interests of the Institution.

On the last Wednesday in April, 1874 (29th inst.), the regular Spring session of the Council was held. The following members were present:

Revs. A. T. Stewart and A. H. Van Vranken, representing the Classis of Michigan; Revs. J. S. Joralmon and U. D. Gulick, representing the Classis of Illinois; Revs. Dirk Broek, Peter De Pree

and Henry Uiterwijk, representing the Classis of Holland; Revs. John H. Karsten and H. N. Steffens, representing the Classis of Wisconsin; Revs. C. Van Der Meulen and James De Pree, representing the Classis of Grand River; Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., representing the Institution; also, Rev. Chas. Scott, Advisory Member, representing the Theological Faculty.

The examinations of the senior classes in the Theological and Academic departments were held and sustained; and it was resolved that the members of the Senior Theological Class be furnished with the certificate directed by the General Synod.

The President stated that on account of having just returned from his endowment work in the East, it was not practicable to prepare as full a report as seemed necessary, and at his request it was resolved that an adjourned meeting be held on Tuesday, May 26th.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Council met on Tuesday afternoon, May 26th. The following members were present:

Rev. J. W. Beardslee, representing the Classis of Michigan; Rev. J. S. Joralmon, representing the Classis of Illinois; Revs. D. Broek, P. De Pree, H. Uiterwijk, Elder H. O. Yntema, representing the Classis of Holland; Rev. John H. Karsten, Elder Arend De Roo, representing the Classis of Wisconsin; Revs. A. Kriekaard, J. De Pree, representing the Classis of Grand River; Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr. representing the Institution; also, Rev. Charles Scott, Advisory Member, representing the Theological Faculty.

The Annual Report of the President was accepted and adopted as follows:

To the Council of Hope College.

The President of Hope College begs leave to present his Annual Report, as follows:

THE WORK

Of the Institution, is considered in accordance with its constitution, with reference to the several *Departments of Instruction*, and the *Requisites* for conducting them, in connection with the duties of *Administration*.

And in the *first place*, the Departments of Instruction.

I. THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Theological Faculty shows that the following students have been in attendance during the year :

Senior Class.—John Hofman, Nicholas Neerken.

Middle Class.—Howard H. Van Vranken, Andrew Wormser, together with William Hazenburg, student in elective course.

Junior Class.—Josias Meulendijk, Helenus E. Nies, together with Frederick P. Bakker, student in elective course.

The report states that the diligence and proficiency of the students have been satisfactory to the Faculty, and that their general deportment, so far as the Faculty are aware, has been consistent with their Christian profession. But mention is made of the marriage of two of the students during the year ; and while there has been in these cases no interference with progress in study, yet the Faculty express their opinion that the marriage of theological students is highly inexpedient, because, among other reasons, it is usually injurious to the interests of the school.

It is recommended by the Faculty that Mr. F. P. Bakker, now in elective course, be admitted as a regular student in theology. This is in accordance with the action of your Committee at the time Mr. Bakker was received, as follows :

“Whereas Mr. F. P. Bakker has not the literary testimonials required by the rules of the General Synod for admission into the theological course, but whereas it is desirable that the term of study be abridged in his case, therefore, Resolved, that he be permitted to remain in elective course in the theological department ; and if his progress be satisfactory to the Theological Faculty, he be recommended to the next General Synod to be received to the full standing of a student in theology.”

Mr. Arend Visscher has left the school for the purpose of studying law at the University of Michigan. To this he was seriously inclined at the time of his admission into theological studies.

It is added in the theological report that “besides his regular branches of instruction, Professor Crispell has instructed the senior and junior classes in Pastoral Theology by appointment of Council, and the junior class in Biblical Archaeology at request of Faculty,” and that Prof. Beck, at request of Faculty, has instructed the junior

class in the Manual of Biblical Interpretation ; also, that Rev. R. Pieters, to the regret of the Faculty, has been unable, through ill health, to continue his teaching in Exegetical Theology.

The Constitution adopted by the General Synod in June, 1871, determines that the President of the College "shall not be required to hold a professorship, but may give such instruction in any department, as may be approved by the Council." In accordance with which he was appointed by the Council, teacher *pro tem.* in Sacred Rhetoric. But at the close of the first term he was compelled to suspend his teaching in order to renew the agency for the endowment, at the call of the Board of Direction.

II. ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT.

From the report of the Academic Faculty, it appears that the whole number of students in the Academic Department has been twenty-five, of whom nineteen are now in attendance, classified as follows : Seniors, 4 ; Juniors, 6 ; Sophomores, 6 ; Freshmen, 3. They are from twelve different places, in three different States.

Of the six who left, one suspended his studies here at the end of the Sophomore year for the purpose of teaching ; one at the end of the Freshman year, in order to enter on the study of medicine at the University of Michigan ; three at the end of the Freshman year, to begin business life ; and the remaining one was received from the Freshman class, as a student in the elective course of the Theological department.

The report states that "since the beginning of the present Academic year, all the students have been in regular attendance ; and their deportment and diligence in the performance of duty have been satisfactory to the Faculty."

Dr. Crispell has given instruction to the senior class in Political Economy. and by an arrangement made with Prof. Kollen, the Assistant Professor in Mathematics, Natural Philosophy and Astronomy, has resumed the instruction of the Sophomore and Freshman classes in those branches, while the latter has been engaged since January 1st in attending to the Eben-Ezer Memorial Endowment work among the Holland Churches.

The President of the College, in his general capacity as *ex-officio* teacher under the Constitution, with the approval of the Council,

took up anew the branches of mental and moral philosophy, but on account of the pressure of teaching in other departments, he was compelled to continue the method of uniting the senior and junior classes in moral philosophy, reserving mental science for the next year. He also took charge of the Sophomore and Freshman classes in Latin and Greek, there being a vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Peter Moerdijk. He also resumed charge of the senior and junior classes together in Rhetoric once a week; these were continued during the first term, and after his departure were arranged as follows:

Some oral instruction in Logic and Rhetoric was given by Rev. Dr. A. T. Stewart. The senior and junior Classes met together for a time in the continuance of the study of Moral Science, as some of the earlier classes had done; and their examination will be conducted by the President. Mr. Neerken, one of the theological students, was transferred from teaching in another department to the care of the Latin and Greek, with the Sophomore and Freshman classes.

III. PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

Among the reports forwarded to the last General Synod, that of the Preparatory Department seems not to have been included. It is therefore proper to state that the class of seven who were graduated in the summer of 1872, all entered the Freshman class of the Academic Department in the following Fall. There were in attendance during that year fifty-three.

The whole number of students belonging to this department during the present year is sixty-one, one of whom, however, Mr. R. Z. Togawa, has been absent during the year on a visit to his native Japan. His examination by his own Government was sustained, and he received honorable mention. He has now returned with three more Japanese youths.

The classification of the students is as follows: Class A, 6; class B, 13; class C, 23; class D, 19; these are from twenty-one different places, in four different States, besides three from Japan, the other three Japanese having not yet been received. For this department is not by any means a local school, but actually and really the historical and essential Preparatory Department of Hope College.

Three from the former A class were graduated into the Academic Freshman class, and one entered the Medical department of the University of Michigan. Two others, who had gone only through the D, or lowest year, were received into the same Medical department.

The Faculty speak "in terms of the highest commendation of the diligence and progress of the A and B classes," but make exceptions in the C and D classes.

Since January, Prof. Kollen has been absent on endowment work, but his place has been supplied by Profs. Beck, Scott and Crispell.

On the resignation of Prof. Moerdyk, his classes in Latin and Greek were taken by the President; and while the latter was at the East in behalf of the endowment, these classes were taught as follows: the A and B classes by N. Neerken, of the senior class of the Theological department, and the C class by H. Van Der Ploeg, of the senior class of the Academic department.

According to arrangements adopted by the Council, the primary instruction has been resumed in connection with higher education for girls: but the entire expenditure has been met from moneys and real estate intended specifically for the purpose.

REQUISITES FOR THE WORK.

1. *Buildings*.—By permission of the Council, and through necessity, I have been led to adapt three of the rooms in the second story of the building in which my residence was assigned for use by my family; and the small amount expended is included in this report. But there is still much inconvenience, and the building needs to be strengthened and repaired. I therefore respectfully request that the Council would ask the Synod to sanction my occupancy of the additional rooms, and also to authorize the collection of an amount sufficient to render the building *safer* and more suitable as a residence.

An item of \$250, advanced by me for an important addition in behalf of which I agreed to make collections, is not included in this report. On the same account there is an unpaid aggregate of about \$350.

2. *Library*.—Hon. Z. Chandler and Hon. T. W. Ferry, United States Senators from Michigan, have contributed a number of valuable public documents; also a number of excellent volumes have been presented by Rev. John S. Lott; also a few volumes in the Dutch language from Miss Agnes Pruyn, of Albany, N. Y.

There have been recently placed in the Library of Hope College, by Dr. Crispell, the following donations: "Fifty volumes from the library of the late Rev. Joseph A. Collier, presented by his widow; and sixty volumes from Rev. H. Vedder, 'productions of some of the most eminent Holland Divines.'" See Minutes of Synod for June, 1870, Vol. XII., p. 116; also two hundred and thirty-five volumes, with a number of unbound magazines and pamphlets, a donation of Rev. Abraham J. Switz; one hundred and thirty-seven volumes being intended for the Theological department of the College.

In this connection, I beg leave to call the attention of the Council to the variety of labels for many of the volumes, as follows:

(a.) "Library of Hope College—presented to the Western Theological School of the Reformed Church in America in Hope College, by Isaac Ferris, D.D., LL.D."

(b.) "Presented to the General Synod of the Reformed [Dutch] Church in America, for the Theological Seminary at Holland, Mich., by Rev. Herman Vedder, of Gallatin, N. Y." A similar label for books presented by Mrs. Joseph A. Collier.

(c.) "Presented to the Theological Department of Hope College, by Mrs. Maria Snyder, widow of Rev. Henry Snyder, of Amsterdam, N. Y."

(d.) "Presented to the Theological Seminary at Hope College, by Rev. Abraham J. Switz, of Schenectady, N. Y."

(e.) "Presented to the Academic Department of Hope College, by Mrs. Maria Snyder, widow of Rev. Henry Snyder, of Amsterdam, N. Y." A similar label for books presented by Rev. Abraham J. Switz.

(f.) "Hope College Library, No. —, presented by ———." This was before the establishment of the "Theological department."

(g.) "Holland Academy Library, presented by ———, No. —." This was before the establishment of the "Collegiate" or "Academic department."

In addition to this, for books recently received, the following label has been suggested :

“ Presented to the General Synod’s Theological College at Holland, Mich., for the Library of Academic department ; ” also for the “ Library of the Theological department.”

As uniformity is desirable, I beg leave to submit the following :

“ Library of Hope College—Presented to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, for the ——— department of Hope College,”—filling in the blank, with the prefix, *Theological*, *Academic* or *Preparatory*, as the case may be.

To this might be added any special label suggested by a donor.

THE SUPPORT

Of the Institution will claim the attention of the Council ; and having been called to act in the capacity of Treasurer to so great an extent, I desire to present a complete view of the treasury of Hope College, especially for the information of the General Synod.

I. CONTINGENT FUND.

1. *Special Contingent Account* for salaries established originally by the Board of Education under authority of the General Synod.

Received endowment interest from the Treasurer of the General Synod, per Treasurer of Board of Education	\$900
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Received appropriation from the Board of Education for 1873-4	2,500
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\$3,400

Paid on account of salaries of Profs. Beck and Scott, and Drs. Crispell and Phelps, \$3,400.

Leaving due for salary to each of the aforesaid, until April 30, 1874, \$650, or \$2,600 in all.

To this account belongs the balance of \$740.27, noticed in last report—see Minutes of Synod, Vol. XII., p. 733. Out of this was paid the balance of \$600, due to the President on last year’s account, and the remainder, \$140.27, is to be applied on account.

In this connection, I beg leave to state that this special account has been on our books only three years, and it would save trouble if the General Synod should authorize its Treasurer to receive from the Board of Education, any appropriations for salaries at Hope College, and having added thereto the several amounts of endowment interest, to send the respective proportions to the parties for whom they may be intended.

It is important to add that increased appropriations from the Board of Education for salaries seem essential. The Institution in all its departments belongs to the General Synod, and is doing a most valuable work for our Church. Its success has been most encouraging, and has many times repaid what has been expended on it.

2. *The Ordinary Contingent Account.*—The following is the abstract from April 1, 1873, till April 1, 1874:

RECEIPTS.

Loan from General Synod.....	\$5,000
Endowment Interest	2,065 68
Contingent Fees.....	664

Donations as follows:

Prof. G. J. Kollen for School requisites.....	\$212
J. and G. Van Putten.....	20
J. W. Minderhout.....	5
Lewis Applegate, New Brunswick, N. J.....	20
Mrs. Martense, Flatbush, L. I.....	100
Mrs. Dr. J. M. Ferris, do.	25
Ref. Church, Nyack-upon-Hudson, N. Y.	11
Ref. Church, Peekskill, N. Y.....	14 20
Owen Van Olinda	4
To balance cash account	67

For Female and Primary Institution:

Proceeds of Real Estate given by

Dr. Van Raalte.....	\$710 50		
Mrs. Tillotson.....	45		
Mrs. Wilkes.....	5		
Cash	5	765 50	1,177 37
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			\$8,907 05

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Teachers	\$5,622
Traveling Expenses of Council.....	68
Janitor... ..	335 76
Building Account.....	718 52
Grounds	55 20
Furniture	118 35
Rent	70
Commencement Expenses.....	13
School Requisites.....	212
Lights and Fuel.....	90 66
Cleaning.....	31 88
Expenses of Treasury.....	30 22
Printing.....	111 81
Interest.....	501 43
Sundries.....	93 46

Amount of Expenses	\$8,072 29
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Former Deficiency.....	5,984 04
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	\$14,056 33
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Amount of Receipts.....	8,907 05
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Present Deficiency.....	\$5,149 28
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There remains due for teaching till April 1, 1874, \$2,100.

3. *Annual Income.*—When the endowment was begun by the General Synod, in June, 1863—see Minutes, Vol. X., p. 321—its income was to be applied both “for the payment of the salaries of the professors or teachers, and for contingent expenses.” But it has required more than the entire interest from the endowment to meet the expenditure for teaching alone.

The following are the several amounts receive for endowment interest :

From Promissory Notes.....	\$7,551 66
“ Individuals.....	140 18
“ Churches and School.....	925 75
“ Printing House and De Hope.....	1,372 04
“ Text Books.....	291 72
“ Contingent Fund.....	726 12
“ The James Suydam Trust.....	2,073 71
“ Other Real Estate... ..	1,293 89
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	\$14,375 07

The amount paid for teachers appointed by the Council, and for student help, is \$18,987 78.

This deficiency, and all other contingent expenses, such as traveling expenses of Council and Committees, services of Janitor, building repairs and extension, care of the grounds, furniture, school requisites, rent, commencement expenses, printing, lights and fuel, cleaning, interest, expenses of treasury and sundries have had to be met by contingent fees levied expressly for the purpose and by contingent donations. Such fees have amounted in all to \$6,153, and the donations to \$11,180 24, including in the latter the additional gift of \$5,000 by Elder James Suydam. More than half of the entire contingent outlay remains in permanent value in the buildings, furniture, &c., belonging to the General Synod.

II. STUDENT ACCOUNTS.

1. *Text Books*.—The whole amount of expenditure for text books during the ten years of the account is..... \$6,594 99

The amount of receipts is..... 6,130 65

Deficiency..... \$464 34

In addition to this cash deficiency, there are unpaid bills amounting to about \$350; but the value of the books on hand, with the credits, is about equal to the entire indebtedness.

2. *Refectory*.—The whole amount of expenditure during the two years 1870–72, until the discontinuance of the Refectory, was..... \$4,971 35

The amount of receipts was..... 4,526 86

Deficiency..... \$444 49

On first entering on the principalship of the Institution, fifteen years ago, I placed the Refectory in the care of Mrs. Kroes Panels, who conducted it six years with a great deal of labor and pecuniary sacrifice, providing a home for the students, it may be said, partly at her own expense. It then passed under the care of the Classical School Board, until, in 1870, the Executive Committee of the Council deeming that a more general one was again necessary, restored it to its former basis, and sanctioned an arrangement with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Melis. Notwithstanding their prudent and faithful management, and the favorable circumstances under which it was conducted, the debt increased to such an extent that the Council ordered its discontinuance. Its deficiency may be charged to the account of experience.

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICATION.

1. *Printing House*.—This had its immediate origin in the necessities of “*The Searcher*,” and for the purpose of establishing suitable periodicals, not only as a method of increasing interest in the Institution, but also as a part of its proper educational work, donations were obtained as follows :

From Samuel B. Schieffelin, James L. Schieffelin, William B. Crosby, James W. Beekman, John Van Nest, James Myers, Jonathan Sturges and Daniel Talmage, \$50 each, and from Wm. H. H. Moore, \$11. The First Reformed Church of Holland, Michigan, gave the building and lot.

Received donations as above	\$411
“ among Hollanders at the West.....	614 27
Received donation, William A. Hall, Hastings-on-	
Hudson, for new press and expenses	1,357 64
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	2,382 91
Paid expenses, deducting sale of old press.....	4,060 42
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Deficiency.....	\$1,687 51

The value of the property is about \$4,000.

2. *The Searcher*.—This was begun before the printing house was obtained, and donations were received for it as follows :

M. E. Viele, \$25 ; Ph. Phelps, \$25 ; Wm. H. Campbell, \$10 ; A. C. Van Raalte, \$10 ; S. B. Schieffelin, \$10 ; Miss S. Y. Lansing, Mrs. F. F. Chrystie, Miss M. Frazer, John Steele and Wm. H. Steele, each \$5, and sundry donations in excess of subscriptions, \$7.

Received donations as above.....	\$112
“ subscriptions	209 50
“ interest.....	34 28
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	\$455 78
Paid expenses of first three numbers, deducting sale of materials	205 14
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Surplus.....	\$150 64

3. *De Hope*—The first volume of this weekly in the Dutch language was begun in March, 1866, and with a brief intermission, after the great fire, the paper has been issued regularly ever since. The following is an abstract of its accounts :

RECEIPTS.

From subscriptions.....	\$16,756 34
“ advertisements.....	2,991 28
“ donations.....	248 50
“ sundries.....	47 76
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	\$20,043 88

EXPENDITURES.

Purchase of <i>De Verzamelaar</i>	\$200
Issue of first number.....	137 55
Editorial services.....	5,926 62
Wages in Office....	9,754 55
Blank paper and expenses	6,328 29
Agencies.....	870 78
Interest.....	1,372 04
Sundries	1,609 40
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Amount of expenditures.....	\$26,199 23
Amount of receipts.....	20,043 88
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Deficiency.....	\$6,155 35

When the Institution had secured printing property for the publication of *The Searcher* and other periodicals, the Classis of Holland requested the Council to begin a paper as an organ of the School and the Church, and to this, because of its importance, the Council acceded.

On the moneys employed for its support, the Classes of Holland, Wisconsin and Grand River, recognizing the value of the organ, and appreciating the labors of the Council, are this year paying the interest.

When it is considered that the "Seventh-Day Adventists" have at Battle Creek, in this State, a publication department, whose property is estimated at \$200,000, the efforts of our Church in this line at the West, may seem to be inadequate.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE.

1. *The James Suydam Trust*—This real estate was devoted as a scientific foundation by the late Elder James Suydam. The following is an abstract of its accounts:

EXPENDITURES.

Original contracts.....	\$9,625 10
Abstract of title	126 37
State claims	1,471 06
Original titles, deducting gifts for the purpose.....	953 75
Traveling expenses	87 70
Taxes	383 46
Interest.....	1,523 71
Sundries.....	261 45
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	\$14,432, 60

RECEIPTS.

Investment of endowment transferred for the purpose by the Board of Direction.....	5,000
Endowment added by Council	4,126 03
Donation of James Suydam	5,000
Rent, dockage, &c.	306 57
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	\$14,432 60

2. *The William H. H. Moore Fund.*—This basis consists in a donation of three thousand dollars made by William H. H. Moore, Esq., of New York City, for the purpose of securing the fruit culture which was one of the objects specified by Mr. Suydam in the bestowal of his gift. The following is an abstract of the accounts :

Received donation as above.....	\$3,000
“ from sales.....	1,235 32
“ donation to balance loan	1 33
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	4,236 65
Amount of expenditure.....	4,836 65
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Deficiency.....	\$600

This deficiency is met by a loan of \$600 without interest. There remains in addition an indebtedness of about \$250, for the extra expenses attending the start. But as these are all ended, and as there was during the last year a net revenue of \$25 95, it is hoped that the coming season may remove the deficiency, and that there may before long begin to be some pecuniary return for the great purpose in view, viz: the establishment of the scientific department of Hope College.

In this connection the thanks of the Institution are due to Mr. William Verbeek for his valuable assistance.

V. LIBRARY AND READING ROOM ACCOUNT.

Received donations as reported in Minutes of Synod for June, 1872, vol. xii., p. 498, viz :

Samuel B. Schieffelin.....	\$100
James L. Schieffelin	100
Church of Athens, N. Y.	7 47
Chapel of Lyonsville, N. Y.....	7 53
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	215
Also from Rev. Dr. Crispell.....	20 56
Interest from Library Fund	70
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	305 56
Paid on account of expenses	150 11
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Surplus	\$155 45

VI. PERMANENT FUNDS.

1. *The Charter Endowment*.—This is the donation of thirty thousand dollars by the General Synod to enable their Board of Superintendents of the Holland Academy to enter on its corporate existence as the Council of Hope College. It consists as follows:

Original cash	\$16,064	
Promissory notes.	\$12,936	
Notes paid.....	1,905 95	1,905 95
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		17,969 95
Notes remainining.....	\$12,030 05	12,030 05
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		\$30,000

2. *The Mrs. M. P. Tillotson Scholarship* for Female and Primary Instruction, \$1,000.

3. *The Mrs. Jacoba Van Den Berg Legacy* for educating young men for the ministry.

Proceeds as per Executor, J. G. Van Hees	\$469 81	
Interest till Jan. 1st, 1874	\$43 79	
Part of interest added to principal....	30 19	30 19
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Balance int. paid to T. Keppel, Treasurer,		
School Board	\$13 60	\$500

4. *The Mrs. Mary De Pree Legacy* for educating young men for the ministry.

Proceeds as per Executor, Jacob Den Herder.....	\$416 28	
Interest till Jan. 1st, 1874, added to principal.....	43 82	
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		\$460 10

In like manner as above, when by adding interest, the sum of \$500 has been reached, the subsequent interest will be paid for the object intended

5. *The Library and Reading Room Fund*, donated for the purpose by Elder Samuel B. Schieffelin..... \$500

6. *Other Permanent Funds*, chiefly for Permanent Contingent Fund..... \$565

VII. INVESTMENTS.

The whole amount at the disposal of the Council for investment, has been as follows:

Charter Endowment, cash	\$17,969	95
The Mrs. M. F. Tillotson Scholarship.....	1,000	
The Mrs. J. Van Den Berg Legacy.....	500	
The Mrs. M. De Pree Legacy.....	460	10
The Library Fund.....	500	
Other Permanent Funds.....	565	
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	\$20,995	05

This amount is at present employed as follows:

In Printing House.....	\$1,677	51	
In De Hope.....	6,155	35	7,832 86
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In James Suydam Trust.....			9,126 03
In other Real Estate.....			2,086 16
In Loans to Individuals.....			700
“ “ Churches.....			1,250
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	\$20,995	05	

VIII. CASH BALANCE.

Moneys derived from Loans....	\$9,800	
Deduct loan without interest, in the W. H. H.		
Moore Fund.....	600	9,200
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Surplus of The Searcher.....		150 64
“ Library account.....		155 45
“ Special Con. Account....		140 27
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	\$9,646	36
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Employed for maintenance of Real Estate.....	\$3,588	25
For deficiency in text book account.....	464	34
For deficiency in refectory account.....	444	49
For deficiency in Con. Fund account.....	5,149	28
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	\$9,646	36

THE ENDOWMENT WORK.

The action of the last General Synod having placed the work of securing the endowment of Hope College in charge of the Board of Direction, the latter body appointed me as agent. Such an appointment, from such a source could not be disregarded; but the duty must of course be discharged by me in accordance with the action of the General Synod of June, 1872, as it appears in the first three resolutions in page 508 of the Minutes.

Accordingly, as is evident from the preceding part of this report, after one term of laborious teaching and executive work, I spent the time after the Christmas vacation, in an earnest endeavor to bring the work and wants of the Institution home to every family in the Denomination, and the few present cash results have been already reported to the Treasurer of the General Synod.

Concerning the general endowment results there is a single item to be noticed. So far as reported by the Treasurer of the General Synod in Minutes already published, it is, with the single exception of \$200, all of it for Hope College in general, and the Theological, Academic and Preparatory Departments have alike shared in the income. But the amount of \$200 was intended exclusively for the support of the Theological department, and in that Department exclusively for the "Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology." This sum is part of the \$225 mentioned in the Treasurer's report under date of July 30, 1872,—see Minutes of Synod for June, 1873, page 631. The aggregate of \$225 was received by me July 29th, 1872, as follows:

Per Rev. Dr. See, Sec. Board of Education, per John A. Hardenberg, Esq., Treasurer Centennial Fund, \$100 from Rev. T. S. Dusenberre, "for the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology in Hope College." Also per same, (\$100,) from Rev. E. Vedder, for the "Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College," the remaining \$25 being from the S. S. Ref. Church, Hoboken, N. J., per Rev. C. D. Buck, for the founding of a scholarship in the Endowment of Hope College. Since then I have been informed by Bro. Vedder that the contribution in his name was "from the Ref. Church, Schoharie, N. Y., for the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary at Hope College."

The following sums have been received by me, and are now reported for information :

A donation of \$100 from Rev. Goyn Talmage specific object to be determined.

From Ref. Church, Schenectady, N. Y.....	\$205
“ 34th St. Church, New York City.....	91 68
“ Rev. John S. Lott.....	50
“ Rev. E. A. Collier.....	50
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	\$396 68

These sums were not specific, but I beg leave to recommend that they be paid into the Treasury of the General Synod for the Endowment.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP PHELPS, JR.,

Pres't Hope College.

With the adoption of the preceding report, the Council beg leave to record the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That Mr. Frederick P. Bakker be recommended to the General Synod for reception to the full standing of a theological student.

2. *Resolved*, That the General Synod be requested to authorize its Treasurer to receive any appropriations which may be granted for Hope College by the Board of Education, and to send the amounts together with interest accruing from endowment in his possession direct to the President and the Professors.

3. *Resolved*, That the special attention of the Synod be solicited to the deficiency in the salaries of each of the Professors and of the President, and to the urgent need of continued and increased appropriations by the Board of Education.

4. *Resolved*, That the General Synod be requested to sanction the action of the Council in endeavoring, by assigning additional rooms, to remedy some of the inconveniences to which the family of the President has been subjected ; also to authorize collections for meeting the necessity of rendering the building stronger and more commodious as a residence.

5. *Resolved*, That the following general label for all the departments of the Library of Hope College, be recommended to the General Synod :

LIBRARY OF HOPE COLLEGE

PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH
IN AMERICA.

For the _____ *Department,*

By _____

The following action likewise has been taken by the Council :

Resolved, That the warmest thanks of the Council be hereby presented to Rev. Herman Vedder, Mrs. Joseph A. Collier, Rev. Abraham J. Switz, Rev. John S. Lott and Miss Agnes Pruyn, for their valuable donations to the several departments of the Library of Hope College.

Resolved, That the renewed thanks of the Council be tendered to Elder Samnel B. Schieffelin for his kind remembrance of our Theological students, in his gifts to them of works of value.

Resolved, That Mr. William Verbeek be requested to accept our grateful recognition of his services in connection with the Wm. H. H. Moore Fund.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. A. C. Van Raalte, the President of the Council, has our Christian sympathies in his continued infirmity of health, and our prayers for his restoration to renewed strength and activity.

Resolved, Especially, that our hearty acknowledgements are due to the General Synod for its sympathetic and opportune interposition in behalf of that Institution over which it has so carefully watched, and with which it has been pleased for a time to identify a part of our own usefulness and labor ; and our assurance to the Synod is that its generous loan at its last session, has served to carry the enterprise through a year of peculiar financial difficulty and disaster.

We desire, also, to record our appreciation of the labors of the Board of Education, with its untiring Secretary, Rev. Dr. John L. See, and of the Board of Direction in behalf of their Western College.

And with devout praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, who has done the work by His own chosen instrumentalities, and with

our prayers that the General Synod may be guided with the true wisdom in its important deliberations, the Council beg leave to submit the results of the past to their approval.

The preceding report was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed as a supplement to *De Hope*, and in its printed form to be transmitted to the General Synod, and a Committee consisting of Revs. Peter De Pree and Henry Uiterwijk, with the President, was appointed to superintend the printing and forward the copies.

Attested by

JAMES DE PREE,

Secretary pro tem.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully report that there have been referred to them the following papers :

I.—The report to the General Synod of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

In this report the Board speaks of the examination of the members of the various classes by the Professors in the presence of the Board, at their recent meeting at New Brunswick in May, as having been sustained to their entire satisfaction. The report in full will have a place in the printed Minutes of the Synod, and the Committee, therefore, make no further reference to it, except to bring to the notice of the General Synod, the following recommendations by the Board in reference to the examinations in future, viz :

1. That hereafter the examinations shall be by written answers to questions agreed upon by a Committee of the Board and the Professors, together with such oral questions as members of the Board may desire to ask.

2. That it be competent for the Board to divide itself into sections for the purpose of carrying on the examinations simultaneously.

3. That each Professor shall be allowed one day in which to examine his classes.

The Committee recommend that these requests of the Board of Superintendents be granted.

By a reference to the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, New York, and New Brunswick, it will appear that the following nominations by these Particular Synods, to fill vacancies occurring in the Board, have been made respectively :

By the Particular Synod of Albany.—Rev. A. B. Riggs, of the Classis of Montgomery. *Elder* S. A. Foot, of the Classis of Geneva.

By the Particular Synod of New York.—Rev. J. Elmendorf, of the Classis of Poughkeepsie. *Elder* John Lyon, of the Classis of Orange.

By the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.—Rev. Herman C. Berg, of the Classis of Philadelphia. *Elder* Peter A. Voorhees, of the Classis New Brunswick.

The names of these brethren are presented to the General Synod for election.

II.—There was likewise referred to the Committee, the Memorial of the Classis of Greene, asking the General Synod to return to the former plan of organizing the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary. To this paper careful consideration has been given. It is to be presumed that the change in the mode of organizing the Board of Superintendents was made by the General Synod, in the deliberate conviction that the old method did not secure as complete efficiency in the Board as might the new. Whether the judgment thus formed and acted on will be justified in experience under the new method remains to be seen. It does not seem to your Committee that there is any want of fairness in the ratio of representation adopted. Nor that under it there need be any want of classical interest in the Seminary. If so damaging a result should follow, the General Synod will undoubtedly make such modifications in the present plan as will effectually prevent it. Meanwhile it would seem to be proper to give the new plan a fair trial. And with this view the Committee do not recommend any change at present in the mode of organizing the Board of Superintendents.

III.—There was also referred to the Committee the communication to this Synod of the Rev. Prof. Crispell :

In June, 1873, the General Synod authorized Prof. Crispell and his colleagues to make collections with a view to the endowment of the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Department of Hope College. Prof. Crispell now presents a communication asking that all funds thus contributed shall be held by the General Synod in the same manner as the endowments for the other Theological Professorships are held. Your Committee can see no good reason why this request should not be granted, and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the funds that have been raised or shall hereafter be raised for the endowment of the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, be held on the same basis and with the same relations to the General Synod as the endowments of the other Theological Professorships of the Synod ; and that the income of said funds when collected be paid by the Treasurer of Synod to the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, as salary, the same as similar incomes are paid to the other Theological Professors of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be authorized to defray the expenses of Professor Crispell in making collections for his Professorship out of the funds so collected.

Resolved, That with the approbation of the Council, acting as a Board of Superintendents, Prof. Crispell may be absent a part of the school year in order to prosecute the endowment of his chair.

IV.—The Annual Report of the Council of Hope College was also referred to this Committee.

From this report it appears that the following students have been in attendance in the Theological Department during the year :

Senior Class.—John Hofman, Nicholas Neerken.

Middle Class.—Howard H. Van Vranken, Andrew Wormser, William Hazenberg. (in the elective course.)

Junior Class.—Josias Meulendijk, Helenus E. Nies, Frederick P. Bakker, (in the elective course.)

The report states that the diligence and proficiency of the students have been satisfactory to the Faculty, and their general

department, so far as the Faculty are aware, has been consistent with their Christian profession. It is added that besides his regular branches of instruction, Prof. Crispell has instructed the Senior and Junior Classes in Pastoral Theology by appointment of Council, and the Junior Class in Biblical archæology at the request of the Faculty; that Prof. Beck, at the request of the Faculty, has instructed the Junior Class in the Manual of Biblical interpretation. Also that to the regret of the Faculty, the Rev. R. Pieters has been unable through ill-health to continue his teaching in Exegetical Theology.

In the Academic Department the whole number of students during the year has been twenty-five—of whom nineteen are now in attendance; of these, four are in the Senior Class, six in the Junior, six in the Sophomore, and three in the Freshman. Of the six who have left during the year, one has engaged in teaching, one has been admitted to an elective course in the Theological Department and the rest to begin professional or business life. All the students are represented as having been regular in attendance and diligent in the performance of duty.

In the Preparatory Department are four classes, containing sixty-one students; of whom, six are in class A, thirteen in class B, twenty-three in class C, nineteen in class D. This Department is described as not by any means a local school; but actually and really the historical and essential preparatory Department of Hope College.

It has become a necessity that three additional rooms of the building in which the residence of the President was assigned should be adapted to the use of his family. This has been done; and the General Synod is asked that the occupancy by the President of these additional rooms be sanctioned, and also that the collection be authorized of an amount sufficient to render the building safer and more suitable as a residence. The Committee recommend that this sanction and authority be granted.

Some difficulty having arisen from the variety of labels attached to the books in the Library, it is requested that the Synod direct that hereafter the label on each book read as follows:

“Library of Hope College.—Presented to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, for the Department, by .”

Your Committee recommend that this request be granted.

Finances.—From the report of the President, acting as Treasurer, the Committee select the following items in relation to the financial condition of the Institution, as needing the attention of the Synod.

On account of Salaries.—There has been received during this year Endowment interest from the Treasurer of General Synod per the Board of Education..... \$900

Appropriation from the Board of Education	2,500
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	\$3,400

There has been paid on account of Salaries of Profs. Beck, Scott, Crispell and Phelps, \$3,400, leaving due to each of these brethren \$650, in all \$2,600. To this account belongs the balance of \$740 27 noticed in last report to General Synod, (See Minutes, Vol XII. p. 733). Out of this was paid the balance of \$600, due to the President on last year's account, and the remainder \$140 27 is to be applied on account.

In the yet incomplete state of the endowment of the College, and especially keeping in remembrance the depressed condition of finances in general, it is not to be wondered at that such deficiency should continue to occur. As the simplest, most feasible way of providing for it, your Committee recommend to the Synod the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the General Synod recommend to the Board of Education to continue their aid to Hope College to the extent of their ability.

In this connection it is due to the Council of Hope College to bring to the notice of the Synod the following testimony of the Council in regard to the action of the Synod of last year.

“*Resolved*, Especially, that our hearty acknowledgements are due to the General Synod for its sympathetic and opportune interposition in behalf of that Institution, over which it has so carefully watched, and with which it has been pleased for a time to identify

a part of our own usefulness and labor; and our assurance to the Synod is that its generous loan, at its last session, has served to carry the enterprise through a year of peculiar financial difficulty and disaster."

In conclusion your Committee feel assured that the General Synod has no intention of leaving our brethren in the West without that fostering care which is needful, until their ability, educated to the point of self-sustentation under God, shall be able to ask nothing more than oversight and control. Accepting the position which God in His holy providence has given it, and addressing itself to the work which He has laid before it, remembering all the prayers and labors and benefactions which have gone before on this Institution, which must in the end be relied on to supply the lack of teachers and preachers within our borders westward, hoping for the day when the sons of Hope College, beside satisfying the wants of the field adjacent to them, will carry the glad tidings over the broad Nebraska plains and over the Rocky Mountains, even to the utmost sea, the Church as represented by its Synod will nourish this Seminary of Christian learning which God has led it to establish in the West.

The Particular Synod of Chicago, as appears by its Minutes at its late Session, nominated the following brethren to be members of the Council of Hope College:

From the Classis of Michigan.—Elder, L. O. Hammond.

From the Classis of Holland.—Rev. J. Heering.

From the Classis of Wisconsin.—Rev. J. Muller; Rev. N. M. Steffens, to fill vacancy of Rev. A. Zwemer.

From the Classis of Illinois.—Rev. E. Winter; Rev. E. P. Livingston to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Rev. Abraham Thompson.

From the Classis of Grand River.—Rev. A. Kriekard.

The Committee recommend that these nominations be confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. R. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

Two young men were recommended for aid from the Van Benschoten Fund.

VEDDER LECTURE.

According to the rule, the Synod proceeded to the election of a Lecturer for 1875—6. A nominating ballot was taken on the eighth day. On the following day the election was held, and resulted in the unanimous choice of Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D.

It was *Resolved*, That the sum of \$700, being the interest on the Vedder Fund for the past year, be paid to Rev. Isaac S. Hartley.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The forty-second Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, in printed form, was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was also received, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The forty-second Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was also received, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee have carefully examined the report of the Board of Foreign Missions. The result there condensed does not differ substantially from that of former years. It certainly com-

ares favorably, when we take into consideration the force employed. The number of our Missionaries in actual foreign service has been so reduced, in part by temporary absence, the more by their permanent withdrawal, that, notwithstanding the increased duties our remaining brethren have assumed, it has been impossible, successfully, to maintain operations upon the scale of former years. The work in India has been curtailed by the loss to that field of Rev. W. W. Scudder, D.D., and Silas Scudder, M.D., and by the impaired health and necessary absence of Rev. Jacob Chamberlain. That in China by the absence of Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D., and the necessary withdrawal from the service of Rev. J. H. Van Doren. The prayer of our brethren in the field for speedy re-inforcement, is emphasized in their own overtasked capabilities and failing strength. The economy which shall continue to impose upon the few, burdens which our full force could with difficulty sustain, is not even questionable. It can only result in the continued depletion of our Missions.

REINFORCEMENTS OFFERED.

The present lack has been graciously anticipated in directing the minds of an unusual number of the young men in our Theological Seminary to the foreign field. Seven (five in the coming senior, and two in the middle-class) have offered themselves to the Church in this department. Their consent was obtained through the earnest representation of the claims of our missionary work upon them by Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D., and Rev. W. W. Scudder, D.D. It remains for the Church to decide, by the measure of her contributions whether all, or what number of these offers shall be accepted.

APPLIANCES FOR INCREASE OF MEANS.

The report recalls attention to the value of the Monthly Concert, as the occasion of prayer for the missionary work, and for diffusing the facts, the knowledge of which is the key to the liberality of the Church. In the want of a distinct missionary periodical, there is no vehicle by which the requirements of the foreign service and its encouraging features can be generally brought before our Churches, other than the time-honored Monthly Concert for prayer.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your Committee also call the consideration of the Synod to the establishment of a Woman's Missionary Society, substantially upon the form of those now existing in other denominations, auxiliary to our Foreign Board. The organization of associations of ladies in the other benevolent enterprizes of the Church, has been most effective. By branches of these auxiliaries, in different cities, neighborhoods or churches, we shall be enabled far more fully to district congregations, and generalize the support of our missionary work, and, instead of devolving its burdens upon the few, reaching many who have not heretofore contributed to this Board, thus securing regular annual membership subscriptions. It is proposed also, to give these organizations an auxiliary character, by requesting, through them, the selection and recommendation of such ladies as we may send into the foreign field to teach in the girls' schools, and to gain access to others of their own sex. In reference to the above, your Committee suggest the following action :

Resolved, 1st, That General Synod recalls the attention of the Churches to the value of the monthly Missionary Concerts as demonstrated through the entire history of the work, and as insuring a direct obedience to the command of our Saviour,—“Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest,”—and also as keeping before the minds of our people the condition and progress of our Missions, so encouraging to Christian faith and liberality.

Resolved, 2d, That General Synod recommends the organization of a “Woman's Missionary Society,” having in view the objects heretofore named, with auxiliary associations in all those Churches where it is practicable, in the work of which our Board shall fully sympathize and co-operate, accepting nominations by this Society for that branch of the service especially committed to it.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO SYNOD.

Two communications upon special topics are presented to the General Synod, the one, a reference from the Board of Foreign Missions, the other, a paper from the Classis of Arcot, in regard to a proposed confederation of India Missions. The former is the reference to “The Church of our Lord Jesus Christ,” so styled,

at Yokohama, of which Rev. J. H. Ballagh is the acting pastor. This Church, without any ecclesiastical connection, or recognized form of government, is evidently of the body of Christ, and remarkably blessed with the favor of the Master. The report clearly states the impracticability of demanding, at present, its adoption either of our name or order, or the insistence that our Missionaries should imperil its existence, and their own work in that land, by carrying out, in this case, the general policy of Synod, and of the Board. While reaffirming, therefore, the desire of Synod that our brethren in Japan give their influence, as far as possible, in shaping the thought of those among whom they labor, to the adoption of our standards and of our government, we recognize this association of believers at Yokohama, as a Church of our Lord Jesus Christ; therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That the resolution of 1864, in reference to the Churches at Amoy, as far as the principle therein stated is applicable to this case, be adopted in regard to "The Church of our Lord Jesus Christ," in Japan.

Resolved, 2d, That General Synod, from the slight information it possesses in regard to the presbyterial confederation in India, refers the matter of alliance on the part of our brethren in that field to their discretion, permitting such alliance in so far as it shall not conflict with their nearer relations to our own Board.

MISSIONS AMONG THE AMERICAN INDIANS.

Within the territory committed to the Reformed Church, as that part assigned to our Denomination in the present Indian policy of our National Government, are 11,372 souls, in an ignorance as gross as that of the darkest portions of the East. The Government desires that for the education of these, teachers should be sent forth by the Churches represented in the present Indian direction. It proposes still further, to bear the expense of their support for two years or more, until they shall have become familiar with the language, when their maintenance, as Missionaries, shall fall upon the Boards nominating them. We recommend by Synod the following :

Resolved, That our Board of Foreign Missions be authorized, as soon as shall appear to them practicable, anticipating the probable

condition of our other operations, at a time when the expense of this new work, shall devolve upon us, to select and authorize suitable teachers, to such a number as they may deem advisable, and direct them to that portion of the Indian field assigned our Denomination, in which they may be most advantageously employed.

NECROLOGICAL.

Reference is made in the report, to the decease of Rev. Dr. Ferris, for many years associated with the Board of Foreign Missions, at one time as its Corresponding Secretary, and at the period of his death a member of its Executive Committee. Since the preparation of the report, Rev. Dr. Thomas DeWitt, the President of the Board, has also departed this life. Both of these honored servants of God, were connected with this department of our church work from its organization, in 1832, until the hour of their death; a relation of more than forty-one years, in which both of them had been members of its Executive Committee, both had acted as its Corresponding Secretary, and had with equal fidelity, held its work in their remembrance and prayer. We recommend the following minute:

Resolved, That General Synod, while recognizing the solemn providence of God in the departure from this world of our venerable fathers, Rev. Dr. Isaac Ferris and Rev. Dr. Thomas DeWitt, acknowledge, with gratitude, the long and faithful service which the Great Head of the Church permitted them to render, and rejoice in the fulfilment of the covenant, the blessed condition of which they have realized that, having "served their generation according to the will of God," they calmly "fell asleep" in Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. TERHUNE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Domestic Missions presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Domestic Missions would respectfully report, that they have examined the printed report submitted to them, and find therein much that is gratifying.

In the first place, the tabular form, newly adopted, presents the condition of the work, and the position and prospects of the

Churches assisted, in the clearest and most satisfactory manner. Eighty Churches and Missions have been aided. In nearly every case there is plain evidence that the assistance rendered, has only supplemented large gifts and strenuous labors on the part of the people interested in starting or carrying forward the mission enterprises.

In the second place, God has granted great spiritual blessings in many of the fields occupied. In the Churches, over one thousand members have been received, seven-tenths of whom made confession of their faith for the first time. In the Sunday schools, over one hundred conversions are reported. We note these facts with gladness, as tokens that the blessed Saviour approves the work in which we are engaged. The gifts of the Holy Spirit attests Christ's presence and approbation, and where these are found, His Church on earth should surely put forth its strongest powers.

In the third place, the Board closes the year with a small balance in the treasury. This is especially pleasing in view of the financial troubles which have swept over our land. The contributions of the Church have been about the same as last year, and the wisdom and prudence with which they have been distributed, are proved by the results attained.

Your Committee, in view of these facts, would suggest the following resolutions :

Resolved, That this Synod, with devout gratitude, recognizes the blessing bestowed by God upon our Domestic Mission work during the past year, and calls upon the Church to go forward with greater consecration and zeal in the paths which Divine Providence seems so plainly to mark out for its advance.

The latter part of the report, relating to the Building Fund, is not so cheering. Aid that was absolutely necessary has been extended to some fourteen Churches, but the disastrous effects of disappointed hopes, excited during the Centennial year, have not yet ceased to exert their power, and a debt of fourteen thousand dollars has been incurred.

It remains for our Church to say whether this work shall stop, as stop it must, unless greater interest is manifested. So important an auxiliary to our Domestic Mission work, cannot certainly be thus crippled or destroyed, without the greatest injury to those work-

ing in new fields. Your Committee would not press the claims of this Fund, none who are interested in our progress but must admit them. We would therefore simply submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That the self-sustaining Churches of our denomination be affectionately reminded of the needs of the feeble Missions, which the Building Fund tends to encourage and develop, and that the Classes be requested to press upon the attention of the Pastors and Consistories, the duty of making collections for this Fund; a duty, whose faithful discharge will be rewarded by the more rapid progress of our beloved Church.

Resolved, 2d, That Churches needing aid from the Board, be urged to make conscientious efforts to increase their own subscriptions for the support of their Pastors, before making application to the Classes, and that the Classes be very careful to examine such applications before recommending them to the Board.

Resolved, 3d, That the Board of Domestic Missions be directed to systematize the collection of funds for Church Building, in behalf of congregations desiring aid in this work, and that Pastors and Consistories be requested to withhold aid solicited without reference to the judgment and action of the Board appointed to direct and superintend this part of our benevolent work.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee,

WM. RANKIN DURYEE, *Chairman*.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Foreign Missions:

Revs. Henry N. Cobb, A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., T. W. Chambers, D.D., John Forsyth, D.D., W. J. R. Taylor, D.D., Messrs. Garret I. Blauvelt, James A. Williamson, Jacob L. Sutphen.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Domestic Missions:

Revs. Wm. Ormiston, D.D., Charles. I. Shepard, Oliver E. Cobb, Goyne Talmage, W. H. Gleason, Messrs S. R. W. Heath, S. B. Stewart, John A. Hardenburgh.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds would respectfully report as follows :

The papers examined by your Committee, are the respective accounts of the Widows' Fund, the Disabled Ministers' Fund, the Widows' Fund Income Account, together with a paper memorializing General Synod upon the subject of the Widows' Fund.

From the statements of Treasurer of General Synod, we present the following :

WIDOWS' FUND.

By balance May 1st, 1874.....	\$36,865 35
“ “ “ 1873....	35,612 08

Showing an increase of..... \$1,253 27
notwithstanding \$500 have been withdrawn during the year.

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

By balance May 1st, 1873.....	\$2,496 55
Receipts from churches.....	1,455 79
Interest.....	770

Total..... \$4,722 33

Total receipts during the year.....	\$2,225 79
Disbursements.....	2,350

Showing a decrease of..... \$124 21

The drafts upon the Fund have been \$650 more than of the previous year, yet the cash balance has only been decreased \$124 21.

WIDOWS' FUND INCOME.

Balance May 1st, 1874.....	\$1,381 69
“ “ 1873.....	1,233 01

Increase..... \$148 68

notwithstanding \$150 have been withdrawn. The fund has relieved eighteen widows, one orphan, and three ministers.

MEMORIAL OF REV. JOSEPH WILSON.

The General Synod is also memorialized by Rev. Joseph Wilson, of the Classis of Newark, concerning the alleged insufficiency of the Widows' Fund to "accomplish its benevolent purpose," and petitioning your honorable body for more emphatic legislation to secure its future increased efficiency.

Your Committee have diligently searched the synodical record of past years and the action of General Synod upon this subject. The present attitude of the subject has become chronic.

The nobility of the charity, the entire confidence of the Synod, the annual recommendation to the Churches, are forcibly expressed, while over against this is heard the wail of insufficiency, the apathy of the Churches and indifference of ministers.

Diverse action has been recommended and pursued, resolutions and recommendations of ample scope have been framed and reiterated, still is heard this prolonged cry of insufficiency, and now accompanied with a memorial, as the most available means of arresting the attention of General Synod and securing the future efficient action of the Churches.

In the judgment of your Committee, the most effective action recorded upon your minutes is that of the Classis of Paramus, in appointing, according to a resolution of General Synod of 1862, a General Agent who, though pursuing his regular pastoral duties, yet in three years succeeded in making every Church a contributor and every minister a member of this Fund.

In the midst of the most positive evidence of general failure, here is a case of undoubted success. Why should we ask further for a higher or better plan or precedent?

If the uncertainties of life, the claims of its tenderest ties, the great advantage of this insurance over that of every other, will not secure the practical interest of ministers in this Fund, no legislation can ever hope to effect it. As in the great cause of temperance, it is not laws and legislation that we need, but the wise and diligent use of existing agencies.

The *practical* difficulty lies in the extreme sensitiveness of a clergyman presenting an object of charity before his people, so closely allied to his own interests. The success of the agency in

the Classis of Paramus, was doubtless greatly due to the fact that, through the eminently wise resolution of Synod, it was relieved from this disagreeable embarrassment.

The people are in full sympathy with so manifestly just and noble a charity.

Your Committee would therefore most earnestly recommend to the Classes the appointment of an agent, in the person of one of its pastors, according to General Synod's resolution of 1862, the practical efficiency of which has been so clearly and successfully demonstrated; or at least such an exchange of pulpits upon the recurrence of the annual collection for this object, as will relieve the pastors from craving in the name of charity what the people are so willing to accord as a right.

As we glance at the necrological list of the past year, we see that the young and the hoary head have alike gone down amid life's battle, assuring us that what is at present but a general subject, will soon have a special application to ourselves, or the sad changes of life lead us to a keener realization and deeper sympathy with the ministerial brother who now memorializes your reverend body.

The past resolutions and recommendations of General Synod are sufficiently broad in scope to accomplish all desires in the memorial, and to place this and the other Funds before your Committee upon a permanent basis; and, as your servants, we now reiterate them for the earnest consideration of the Churches.

GEO. H. PEEKE,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
T. S. DUSINBERRE,		
JAS. L. AMERMAN,		
JOHN RODMAN,		
MILTON K. FOWLER,		

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The Twentieth Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Publication beg leave to report, that the Twentieth Annual Report of the Board of Publication has been submitted to them to present its affairs to the General Synod.

They say that no want of harmony has marred the sessions of the Board. Confidence in the importance of its mission, eagerness of desire and earnestness of purpose in furthering the work given to do have marked its deliberations. They complain that the disturbed condition of the finances has made the year one of unusual depression and inaction in every department of business, the disastrous effects of which have been in some degree mitigated by the employment of traveling agents, and thus a Church Board without the support of such aid, and limited in its range of publication to works of a denominational and religious character, is likely to suffer more severely from the times.

The amount of sales for the past year is \$10,814 92. They express a hope that some friend or friends of the Church will aid them to secure a suitable building as a Publication House of our Reformed Church.

The Treasurer's account shows a footing of contributions for the year, from Churches, Sunday schools and individuals, to be \$5,873 09. The addition to the Endowment Fund and working capital has increased the amount for this object to \$21,471 76. There has been appropriated for Foreign and Home distribution \$1,941 70.

The Report of the Board says that an unusually large number has been added to the list of contributing churches during the year, and that several valuable manuscripts are in the hands of the Board awaiting only the means for their publication. With regard to the Paper published by the Board, their report states that it is growing in popular favor, and that orders for the Paper are not unfrequently received from those who are not identified with our Reformed Church.

This Board commends itself to the favor and support of the Church, on the ground that it is one of its most important ministries. Not that it supercedes the oral ministry, but because it penetrates and pervades all those appliances and instrumentalities which serve as bulwarks of our Reformed Zion. Their publications find their

way to the domestic circle, and speak to many hearts in the silence and retirement of the closet. The Sower and Gospel Field convey instruction and intelligence to Sabbath school teachers and to Sabbath school scholars alike.

It remains for the Church to decide whether this instrumentality shall be fostered or smothered. The usual resolutions of General Synod reiterate their confidence in the Board. Be ye fed and be ye clothed are words easily spoken, but unless the heart and head of the Church respond, the sluggish stream of indifference moves on until a muddy sediment gathers and forms a dismal swamp of ecclesiastical promises and disappointed hopes.

Trusting to better things, though we have thus spoken, we present the following resolutions :

1. The Synod renews its expression of confidence in the Board of Publication, and, with a view to its increasing usefulness, urges upon the Churches to co-operate with the Board in its important work by the exercise of an enlarged liberality.

2. The Synod heartily commend the Sower and Gospel Field to the patronage of the Sunday schools and the Churches in general.

G. ABEEL, *Chairman.*

The Special Committee to which were referred certain Memorials in reference to the Board of Publication, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the Overtures from the South Classis of New York, the South Classis of Long Island, and the Board of Publication, in reference to the repeal of a resolution of the General Synod of 1873, beg leave respectfully to report :

The action complained of was based on an Overture from the Classis of Paramus, requesting Synod, in view of the large expenditure for collecting and distributing funds, to take into favorable consideration their suggestion of a mode of lessening their expenses, so that while the distinctive *Boards* remain as they are, a Financial Agent be appointed as a substitute for the present number of *Secretaries*. This suggestion has reference to all our Boards and our whole plan of church work—makes no distinctive mention of the Board of Publication—specifies no charge of unwise or unnecessary expenditure—suggests no change of agencies—complains of no

failure on the part of the Board of Publication to perform the work given them to do, or meet the expectations of the Church in the manner of its performance. But the Committee to whom it was referred by the Synod, while reporting adversely to the general suggestion of reducing the number of the Boards, or changing the agencies for prosecuting their distinctive work, and implying that the other Boards are conducted with commendable economy and efficiency, make an especial reference to the Board of Publication, without the statement of any facts to justify their charge, or the suggestion of any plan to supply a cheaper agency, express the opinion that the expenses of the *Board of Publication* "*seem entirely disproportionate to the benefits derived,*" and thereon proposed the resolution, that said "Board reduce its *officers* and clerks to such an extent that the entire salaries shall not exceed \$3,500 per annum," which the Synod passed.

Of this resolution your memorialists complain, that it *seems* invidious to select one Board, and without any specification imply a charge of inefficiency and unnecessary expenditure—that it seems unfair to the *Board* to continue its organization—to make no diminution of the work given them to do, and while they are in full operation under contracts and with plans for the accomplishment of their work, require them to dismiss their Secretaries and Clerks or compel them to continue on a reduced salary. They admit that it is the prerogative of the Synod² to abolish the Board—to merge it in the other Boards, or make it a mere committee to attend to any publications ordered by the Synod. But while it is recognised as co-ordinate with other Boards, having a separate and distinctive work assigned to them—elected by the Synod and chartered by the State to do that work—they should be left to meet their responsibility and execute their trust as the servants of the Church according to their own judgment, guided by the intimate and thorough knowledge they have of their field of labor and the best means of securing an abundant harvest.

In view of these considerations and the earnest petition of the Board itself, your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution of General Synod in 1873 (on page 719, Minutes 1873), in these words: "That the Board of Publica-

tion reduce its Officers and Clerks to such an extent that the entire salaries paid shall not exceed \$3,500 per annum" be, and hereby is, repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

RANSFORD WELLS, *Chairman.*

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Publication :

Revs. W. R. Gordon, D.D., W. W. Halloway, Jr., Julius W. Geyer, C. D. Hartmanft. Messrs. Maurice E. Viele, J. S. Burr, D. T. Blauvelt, H. V. Mandeville.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The Van Benschoten Bequest was read.

The Synod resolved that the morning session should begin at nine o'clock, and close at twelve, and that the afternoon session should begin at half past two o'clock and close at half past five.

Rev. C. S. Hageman, L. H. VanDoren and Elder M. K. Fowler, were appointed a Committee on devotional exercises.

In the election of officers it was

Resolved, That an informal ballot be first taken for nominations
Rev. A. P. Peeke, and John C. Lowe were appointed tellers.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Pastors and ministerial brethren of the city of Poughkeepsie, who may be present at the sessions of the Synod, be invited to seats within the bar of the house.

The first half hour of each day, was spent in devotional exercises, according to the rule.

On the afternoon of the second day of the session, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The President conducted the services, and read the form. Rev. Wm. R. Gordon and Rev. J. Howard Suydam made addresses and distributed the bread and wine, assisted by Elders S. R. W. Heath, James A. Williamson, John W. Ferdon, and Robert H. Pruyn. Prayer was offered by Rev. Henry V. Voorhees.

By order of the Synod, a roll of the members and of the Standing Committees was printed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the Rev. Alexander R. Thompson, D.D., for his sermon preached at the opening of Synod, and that he be requested to furnish a copy thereof, for publication in the Sower and Gospel Field, and in the Christian Intelligencer.

On the evening of the fourth day of the session, the Synod held a public meeting in behalf of the cause of Temperance, in response to the request of the Women's Temperance Christian Union.

By resolution of the Synod, Prof. Crispell was heard in relation to the Theological Professorship of Hope College. He also presented papers, which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The thanks of the Synod were presented to the Editors of the Poughkeepsie Daily Eagle and the Poughkeepsie Daily News, for publishing the proceedings of the Synod.

Resolved, That the General Synod recognizes the ability with which the Christian Intelligencer is conducted, its fearless defense of truth, and the very important aid it renders to our Church and its institutions, and, in view thereof, recommend Pastors and Consistories to make an earnest effort to place a copy of the paper in every family in the Church, that its influence as a public teacher of sound morals and evangelical faith, may be diffused as widely as possible among our people.

Evening sessions, for the transaction of business, were held on the second, third, seventh, eighth and ninth days of the session.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

A sermon on behalf of the benevolent operations of the Church was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session, by Rev. David Cole, D.D., from Gen. 14: 20. "And he gave tithes of all." It was,

Resolved, That a copy of the sermon be requested for publication by the Board of Publication.

Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D., was chosen *Primarius*, and Rev. J. Howard Suydam, *Secundus*, to preach the sermon on Benevolence before the next General Synod.

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Contributions made during the year ending April 30, 1874, by the several Churches, to the (denominational) Boards and Funds recommended by General Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each Church, whether by church collections or otherwise.

[See Synod Proceedings, June, 1862, p. 212.]

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Albany.							
First Albany	167 08	623 98	918 93	138 66	.....	.....	1000
Second Albany .....	.....	242 38	316 57	50	.....	.....	.....
Third Albany .....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....
Fourth Albany	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
Holland Albany .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Berne .....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Bethlehem	37 60	41 40	93 89	31 20	.....	.....	.....
Second Bethlehem	25 19	43 43	40 10	43 72	.....	.....	.....
Clarksville .....	.....	.....	4 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coeymans .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jerusalem	10	.....	5	6 60	.....	.....	27 37
Knox .....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Baltimore	21 25	25 91	190 14	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Salem .....	.....	9	23 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Onisquethaw .....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union	8	5 50	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerlo .....	.....	50	47 11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Bergen.							
English Neighborhood .....	.....	8 51	87	20	6	.....	13 50
First Hackensack	5	130	580	50	.....	.....	130
Schraalenberg .....	.....	.....	.....	34 80	20 40	.....	33 25
New Durham	11 07	40 34	116	.....	.....	.....	25
First Hoboken	6 09	8 10	10 10	12 15	.....	.....	.....
Third Jersey City	136 97	.....	88 92	.....	28 40	.....	.....
North Bergen .....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Second Hackensack	29 78	22 40	25 21	.....	.....	.....	19 95
German, Hoboken	14 10	5 52	28 71	6 05	.....	.....	.....
German, Hackensack .....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Closter City	7 50	35 12	7 50	7 10	.....	.....	17 42
Palisades .....	.....	50	44 22	5	.....	.....	.....
Guttenberg .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Ave. J. C. Heights .....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Classis of Bergen.							
Bergen	41 27	224 71	587 15	57 36	.....	.....	109 16
First Jersey City	83 26	217 16	52 95	100	.....	.....	.....
First Bayonne	8 98	11 82	10 89	59 95	7 77	4 37	.....
First Van Vorst .....	.....	25	134 72	16 07	6	.....	21 40
Bergen Point	50 37	103	178	125	.....	30	.....
Second Hudson City	15	26 35	16	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lafayette	55	207 39	319 28	25	30	20	25
West End	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
S. Classis of Bergen.							
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Greenville.....							
Free Jersey City.....							
Third Bayonne.....							
Classis of Cayuga.							
Canastota.....		15 58					
Chittenango.....	11 77	20 90	89 88	9 51	6 67		11 12
Cicero.....		7					
Lysander.....		9	6 20		2 50	2 50	3 15
Naumburgh.....	2 50		8				
New Bremen.....			73 02	9			95
Owasco.....	24 50		53 57	1 50	2		
Owasco Outlet.....	1	3 57	147 69	38 54	8 23	8 23	45 41
Syracuse.....		123 19					
Thousand Isles.....		63 55					
Utica.....		6302 54	896 79	219 70			116
West Leyden.....	4 74						
C. of Grand River.							
Detroit...							
Fremont Center.....							
First Grand Haven.....	14 12	19 69		15 84			
Second Grand Haven.....							
Grand Rapids.....	50	62 75					90
Grandville.....		40 50					
Kalamazoo.....	10						25
Muskegon.....			8				
Polkton.....		18					12
South Haven.....			15 42	14 52			17 06
Spring Lake.....	18 10	37 75					
Detroit.....		10 50					
Classis of Geneva.							
Ithaca.....			15				
Geneva.....	35 11	47 16	46 25	26 41	9 32	9 31	
Farmer Village.....	18 92	37 50	47 50				
Lodi.....	4	41	57 17			12	12 50
Arcadia.....							
Fair Haven.....	21	24	34 40	18			
Buffalo.....							
Rochester.....	26 56	23	75				
Clymer.....	4 50	4 50	24				
Clymer Village.....							
Mina Corners.....	6	7	23	4 25			
Cato.....							
Pultneyville.....	7 10	18	5 50				
East Williamson.....				10			
Tyre.....	7 50	12 46	25 40	6	4 10		5 12
Caroline.....							
Cleveland.....	12 20	13 30	15 12				11
Dunkirk.....	4	5	4				4
Marion.....	11 14	12 48	16 34	7 93	4 61	4 61	25 22

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Greene.							
First Athens	25 02	55	30	.....	5 02	.....	6
Second Athens							
Catskill	26	32	49 69	43	.....	.....	9
First Coxsackie	17 15	35 17	18 69	18 69	3 94	3 94	6 50
Second Coxsackie	10 02	78 66	110 42	24 59	10 20		
Kiskatom	22 33	12	30				
Leeds		30	80	3	20		
Moresville and Gilboa	5 55						
Prattsville	7 50						
Roxbury	12 28						
Classis of Holland.							
Beaver Dam		20					
Drenthe			5				
Ebenezer	5 90	6 71	8 42				
Fynaart		15					
Graafschap	6 25	8					
First Holland	21 90	19 23	60	14	20		
Third Holland	11 53	24 81	23 13	10 94			
Jamestown							
North Holland							32
Overysse	17 40	20 55		22 32			
East Overysse							
Rotterdam							
Sangatuck		10					5
Vriesland	7	8 35	82 32	10			
Zabriskie Memorial Church		3 45					
Zeeland	30			14 30			
Amelia Court House	5						
Classis of Hudson.							
Hudson	158 12	824 90	514 52	30 91	.....	.....	112 28
First Claverack		21	157 46	13 75	.....	9 11	14 17
Second Claverack	103 10	60	180 13	29 52	29 80	12 30	32 29
Linlithgow	5 10	8 87	6 75				3 38
Greenport		25	40				
Germantown	14	32 58	29 53	6 90	.....	5	18 44
Upper Red Hook	13	39 55	76 53	4 09	.....	6 13	6 82
Greenbush	10	36	50 10	5 88	.....		10
Taghkanic		10	17				
Livingston, at Linlithgow							
Classis of Illinois.							
Fair View	11 15	9 05	173 71				
Pekin		1	7				
Spring Lake	12 60	7 70	20	13 15			
Raritan	15 28	19 05	46 95	3 15	17 15	17	36 55
Bushnell			20				
Davenport			15 20	.....	20	20	
First Pella	3						
Havana							
Second Pella		39 71		.....	.....	5 25	6 75
Bethel		10					
Leyden Centre		17					25
Third Pella			80				
Fourth Pella							
Am. Ref. Chicago	8	67 28	89 28				
Otley							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Illinois.							
CONTINUED.							
Orange City.....				8 98			
Norris.....		5					
Norwood Park.....	4	11 50		4			
Somerset.....		13 44	10				12
Sand Ridge and Elk Creek.....		16					
Classis of Kingston.							
Bloomington.....							
The Clove.....	36 71	27 32	58 11	38 03			
Dashville Falls.....	3						
Guilford.....	17 16	25 50		10 60			
Hurley.....	21 75	32 87	115 74	8			7 40
N. Church, Marletown.....	2	53 95	92 29	3 40			2 55
Second Church, Kingston.....		150 23	213 91	42			25
Marletown.....	17 19	10 05	17 55				6 36
New Paltz.....	34 36	51 84	279 37	25	20	5 72	32
Rochester.....		6 57	40 15	15			
Rosendale.....	7	18 71	14	9 85			
Sampsonville.....		3 25					
St. Remy.....							
N. Classis of L. Isl'd.							
Jamaica.....	73 55	53 67	76	46 50		43 79	35
Newtown.....	32 12	99 17	96 10	5	5 23	5 23	
Oyster Bay.....	17 25	42 29	45 74	34 60			11 76
North Hempstead.....	22 75	11 38		69 02			
Williamsburgh.....		67 28	50 03	100			
Astoria.....	77	45	215 26	40	18 30	18 30	20
Flushing.....	45	53	93	21 35			
Greenpoint.....	175 06	89 01	54 91		15 22	15 23	45 45
South Bushwick.....	13		49	14			
Lee Avenue.....							
Second Astoria.....							
East Williamsburg.....	15	15 87	45 32	5			
Second Newtown.....	1 58	1 10					
Queens.....	34 45	20	42 94	20			
Ger. Ev. Brooklyn.....	10	6	18	6			10
Sayville.....	4 60	5	8	6	8 10	5 25	5
Locust Valley.....		30					17 40
College Point.....							
S. Classis of L. Isl'd.							
Brooklyn.....	284 95	2056 02	1399 78	159 77	121 80	121 80	462 84
Flatbush.....	1533 65	1426 55	1179 75	47 40	28 33	28 34	133 77
Flatbush Mission.....				10			
New Utrecht.....	81 50	405 54	341 22	20	20		38
Gravesend.....	31 68	91 02	126 67	28 50	12 15	12 15	43
Flatlands.....	100 94	31 23	241 77	85 23	13 50		27 20
New Lots.....	31 95	73 73	184 86	18 41	7 88	7 89	15 13
East New York.....	27 47	83 75	155 75	25 50	11 30	12	65
South Brooklyn.....	87 41	12 77	17 77	32 85	7 32	7 32	9 40
Middle Brooklyn.....	74 41	50	125	152 40		77 65	
Twelfth Street.....	11 49	81 12	12 36	16 89			
Church on the Heights.....	732 25	1289 56	3046 41	288 06	59 11	59 11	494 35
New Brooklyn.....	10		23	5			15
East Brooklyn.....		5		35			

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Classis of Michigan.							
Battle Creek							
Centreville	22 77	15 50	67 45				32
Constantine		10	25				
Grand Rapids		10					
Hope	32 32	28 35	22 36	10			
Macon							
Porter							
South Bend	10	50					15 50
South Macon		5 50					
Classis of Monmouth.							
First Freehold	32 05	72 85	38 35				
Second Freehold	39 08	39 27	45 37	35 50		23 65	24 50
Holmdel	46	91	97 29	15	13 12	15 50	37 50
Spotswood	4 39	12 32	7 42				
Middletown	6 45		7 32				
Keyport		29 60	37 82				
Long Branch	17 56	19 28	19 54	34 72	7	7 65	18 64
Colt's Neck		10	30	5			10
C. of Montgomery.							
Anriessville							
Canajoharie		7 82	10	10		10	
Columbia			4 25				
Currytown			20 55				
Ephratah	4 25	4	30				
Florida							
Fonda	115	95	174 39	35	45	25	40
Fort Plain	26 93	48 85	44 31			28 78	20
Fort Herkimer							
Fultonville	23 75	30		55 04			40
Glen	20 20	35	68	33 50			16 10
Hagaman's Mills	24 77	32 26	102 17	15			
Henderson							
Herkimer			40	29			
Indian Castle			6				
Manheim	9	10 50	10	9			
Mapletown							
Mohawk		12	35				
Port Jackson	7 85	7 75	14 58	7			
St. Johnsville	17 50	21 60	33				
Stone Arabia	6 25	6					
Spraker's Basin							
Tillaborough							
Classis of Newark.							
Belleville		167 98	148 19	70 50			
First Newark	141 15	281 50	507 40				150 31
Irvington	16 76		14 07				
Second Newark	7 80	78 10	91 24	13 13	5 37	5 38	12 70
Franklin			24 06				
North Newark	159 31	410 23	1078 55	24 80		65 70	32 77
West Newark		4 10	1 25				
Clinton Avenue, Newark	72 65		150				
East Newark	2 20	23 70	23 60				
Linden		16 72					
Woodside							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
C. New Brunswick.							
First New Brunswick. . .	80 17	140 22	499 90	46 64	23	22 87	119 70
Six Mile Run	43 25	435 60	395 26	36 82	20	11 25	47 86
Hillsborough	26 73	71 63	105 66	44 80			
Middlebush		137 51	128 26	27	17 13		
Griggstown		65 85	135 90				
Second New Brunswick..	161 78	5	1114 47	56 82		19 76	77 50
Bound Brook.		25 37	25 37				
Third New Brunswick...			50				
East Millstone				20			
Metuchen	10	18 50	15 50				
Classis of New York.							
Collegiate, New York....	1255 77	2578 45	4048 12	533 31	162 88	162 89	784 25
Harlem	162 33	99 25	108 51			25 50	60 59
South New York	309 33	390 31	1068 51	10			
Staten Island.	15	93 56	327		10	15	
Bloomingsdale		9 10	5		10 60		
Madison Avenue.		10	101 59				
Thirty-Fourth Street..	44 40	50 43	57 71	46 22	20	20	67 10
German Evan. Mission...	50	50	150	167 50	15	15	20
St. Paul's							
Richmond, S. I.				2			
Mott Haven.		38 22	27 36				
Huguenots, S. I.		51 14	17 79				
Fourth German							
Prospect Hill.	100	50	121	60	20	20	50
Holland		15 58					
Brookfield, Conn.	1	45					
S. Classis of N. York.							
Brighton Heights. . . .	15 35	50 60	50 46	28 28	20		15
Washington Square . . .	1025	200	308 25		40	40	100
Manhattan							
Bushwick	10	41	12 50	10			10
Union, 6th Avenue. . . .	38	22 38	20 10	18 78			
German R. P. Church. . .		55					
North Brooklyn.		32 50	80	22 40			
Classis of Orange.							
Berea	10		15	8	5	5	25
Bloomingsburgh	27 75	13	31 56				
Callicoon		13					
Claryville							
Cuddebackville	4	11 75	6				
Deerpark	132 80	351 23	649 68	20 48		32	100
Ellenville.		99 11	6 02				
Fallsburgh	3	10		3	2 50	2 50	
Fremont		4					
Grahamville.		8 01					
Jeffersonville.		5					
Kerhonkson		5	6			4 50	
Mamakating.							
Minnisink.		10					
Montgomery		255	600	25 57	12 46	12 46	30 31
Newburgh	22 63	24 25	210 08	42 90			12 61
New Hurley		45	50	56 20			
New Prospect		18		9			

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Orange.							
CONTINUED.							
North Branch		2					
Shawangunk	13 50	17 17	19 50	6 10			19 42
Walden	55 22	61 69	144 48				10
Wallkill Valley	10 60		9	15			7
Walpack, Upper	10 54	9					
Walpack, Lower	14 25	25	12	10 30			
Wawarsing	5 66						
Classis of Paramus.							
Clarkstown	88	76 55	128 71	13 30			
Tappan	26 30	44 21	25 65				
Acquackanonck	54	110	490 01	26	40		41
Second Totowa	47 75		150				
Paramus	17 53	176 77	205 52			21 38	12 46
Pascack				8 52			
Saddle River		20 70	20				
Ramapo		10					
West New Hempstead	7 38	38 75	88 73	6 81			5 07
Warwick	42	134 31	73 50				
Nyack	64 71	242 16	319 70	60 22	33 13	33 50	30 15
Piermont	25	87 50	87 50				
Broadway, Paterson	154 23	73 49	80	16 65	20	9 40	36 15
Spring Valley	13	62 83	18 50	11 50	4 50	6 50	4 54
North Passaic		50	37 25	10			
First Holland, Paterson	3	4 50	3				
Second Holland, Paterson							
Holland, Lodit							
Holland, Hohokus							
Classis of Passaic.							
Boardville	10	10	10				
Boonton				10			
Fairfield	25	61	10	10	20		8
Little Falls	11 12	62 69	62 69	4 35			8 20
Montville	10	7	5	5			25
Sixth Paterson, Holland			10				
Pompton Plains	20	51 60	100 11				
Pompton	40 25	69	87 40			22 37	46 07
Ponds	11	14		10		10	
Preakness			20 75				
Stone House Plains		10	16				
First Totowa, (Paterson)	50	25	97 44	37 27	13 26	13 26	53 13
Wyckoff	20 05	33 35	37 40	84 25	6 25	6 25	7
C. of Philadelphia							
Harlingen	16 80	59 81	88 97				
Readington	78 85	137 83	391	89 60	40 62	20 63	14 78
Ne-Shanic		81					
First Philadelphia		132 60		41 50			
Second Philadelphia		41 07	66 46				
Third Philadelphia			226 32				
Fourth Philadelphia	25	65	50		5	10	5
North and Southampton	12 25	98 37	137 75	5 98		6 64	23 50
Blawenburgh	23 14	100	126 50				
Stanton							
Rocky Hill	18 62	82	73 71				
Clover Hill	20	20	32 08	20			
Addisville	21 36	35 06	33 35	20 05	20		33 21
Three Bridges	5 32						

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
C. of Poughkeepsie.							
First Poughkeepsie.....	57 59	65 50	187 54				
Second Poughkeepsie.....	57 92	66 68	140 06		28 10	28 10	46 44
Fishkill.....	32 35	90 35	173 17				
Hopewell.....	26	29 96	105 63				
New Hackensack.....	13	25	62				17
Rhinebeck.....	28 73	124 66	159 63				20
Fishkill-on-Hudson.....	184 31		91 77				
Hyde Park.....		5 41	18 83				
Glenham.....		20 21	98 13				
Cold Spring.....		5	13 20				
Millbrook.....	32 57	80 15	151 57				71 91
Classis of Raritan.							
First Raritan.....		61	62 50				
Bedminster.....	60	82	267 16	57 45			67
Lebanon.....							
Rockaway.....	8 50	45 16	46 16	20 98			
North Branch.....		30	212 50				
Second Raritan.....	45 82	70 45	208 38	60 88			
Peapack.....							
Branchville.....	50	47 28	66 14		20		34 10
Third Raritan.....	28 45	197 28	470 27	17 70			
Easton.....	51 15	44 40	323 37				38 23
Plainfield.....				50 50			
Central Plainfield.....							3 50
Pottersville.....							
High Bridge.....	20 45	25 53	56 02		6 27		
Clinton Station.....							
Wilcox.....							
C. of Rensselaer.							
Blooming Grove.....	7 16	15 50	16 95	6 65	6 55	6 55	9 56
Castleton.....	44	90	100	35		20	10
Chatham.....		25	23 47				
First Ghent.....		15	30				15
Second Ghent.....	5 42	11 80	28 50	5			
Greenbush.....	34 90	42 75	80 65	37 16	8 96	10 65	
Kinderhook.....	119 84	254 02	756 12	31 79			122 29
Nassau.....	53	66	167 32	31 31			
New Concord.....			14				
Schodack.....							
Schodack Landing.....	5	40	50	18			
Stuyvesant.....	5 59	10 98	133 14	8 62	9 58	8 14	8 77
Stuyvesant Falls.....	15						
Classis of Saratoga.							
Boght.....							
Buskirk's.....		20	20				
Cohoes.....			60				
Easton.....		10 50	2 10				4 90
Fort Miller.....		18 50	15				
Gansevoort.....							
Jackson.....							
Northumberland.....	19	11 50	14	4	3 50	5	5 50
Rensselaer.....							
Saratoga.....	25		75 46	20			
Schaghticoke.....		34					
Union Village.....	17 34	23 61	65 13				
Waterford.....							
West Troy.....	20 09	62 01	254 63				
West Troy, South Church.....		111 19	101 65	20 42			
Wynantkill.....		10	15				

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
C. of Schenectady.							
First Schenectady	45	32 70					42 90
Second Schenectady		40		25			5
First Glenville		29 85	112				
Second Glenville		21 55	18 57	5		4 87	1 55
First Rotterdam	20	15 25	17				14
Second Rotterdam		12					
Helderberg							
Niskayuna	22 57	27 81	65 89	15 05	29 15		15 05
Lisha's Kill	22 94	26 95	44 25	15 27	26 85		15 33
Amity	11 61	38 85	96 65	101 25			
Princeton		11 75	7				
Craneville		7 90					
Classis of Schoharie.							
Schoharie			5 25	11 99	2 76	2 76	3 85
Middleburgh	13 05	32 08	19 05	28	8 99	3 90	
Gallupville	6 64	9 09	8 72	2 07	20		6 40
Berne	16 32	31	34	11 25			
Beaver Dam			2				
Lawville				6 50			
Schoharie Mt							
North Blenheim							
Breakabin							
Sharon							
Gilboa							
Eminence							
Classis of Ulster.							
Blue Mountain		7 50		5			8
Caatsban		23					
Esopus							
Flatbush	12	13 50		3			
First Kingston	127 37	76 25	770 24				
North Esopus		55	27 35				28 30
Plattekill							11 65
Saugerties	185	256 16	240 50	25			25
Shokan							
Shandaken							
West Hurley			5 10				
Woodstock	7 46	13 25	32 47				
Wiltwyck	14	14					
C. of Westchester.							
Bronxville		50 05	125 08				
Courtlandtown							
Fordham	125	55					
Greenburg							
Greenville							
Hastings	39 14		107 76	80			
Melrose		30					
Mount Vernon	38 96	33 05	33 93				28 85
Peekskill	15 16	30	5				7
Tarrytown, First	50 04	46 34	48 20				20
Tarrytown, Second		122 55	449 65	19 70			122 54
Unionville	13 25		12	8 36			
West Farms		12	67 02				
White Plains							
Yonkers	324	63 71	363	53	30	23 07	

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Wisconsin.							
Alto			56 50				
Bethlehem							
Danforth							
Chicago		32 60					
Franklin	11		44 50				
Foreston		24 52					
Fulton	14 50	16 30	22 66	8			
Gibbsville	44 50	1					
Greenleaf		20 45		4 70			4 80
Holland, Wis.		15	88				
High Prairie		3					205
Holland, Neb.	10	27 50	30				18
Milwaukee							
Oostburg	15 25						
Peoria		6 40					
P. P. and White Rock.							
South Holland	10	25	25				
Silver Creek		55 50	8 40	10			
Sheboygan Falls							
Two Rivers		15					

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to secure a suitable place for the Synodical Archives in the Gardner A. Sage Library building, and remove the books and papers of the General Synod, now at the Synod's Rooms, to such place of safety as soon as possible.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Accounts would report that there are present at this Synod fourteen delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, who are entitled to traveling expenses as follows, according to the rule of Synod :—

Two	from the Classis of	Michigan	\$28 each..	\$56
Three	"	"	Illinois	\$36 " .. 108
Two	"	"	Holland	\$28 " .. 56
Two	"	"	Wisconsin	\$32 " .. 64
Three	"	"	Grand River	\$28 " .. 84
				<hr/> \$368

Your Committee recommend that these amounts be paid.

The following bills have been put into the hands of this Committee :

Bill for Stationery	\$6 06
Bill for printing Ballots	4
Bill for printing Rolls and Standing Committees. . .	8 75
Bill for printing Reports on Union	6
Doorkeeper's bill	25

Your Committee recommend that these bills be paid.

M. KIEKINTVELD, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1,400 copies of the Minutes of the Synod, and that the price of each copy be printed on the cover.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the Synod be returned

First. To the Pastor and Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie, for the use of this church edifice, in connection with their ample arrangements for the entertainment of the members of the Synod ;

Second. To the several Pastors of the city for the cordial invitations extended to us to occupy their respective pulpits .

Third. To the Young Men's Christian Association for their handsome entertainment at their rooms ;

Fourth. To the President and Faculty of Vassar College for the kind reception given to the Synod at that noble Institution ;

Fifth. To the press of Poughkeepsie for the liberality it has evinced, and its faithful reports of the business of Synod ;

Finally. To the citizens generally for their manifestation of interest in our deliberations ; and in return for each and all of these benefactions the General Synod would leave behind them its benediction : " The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod resolved to meet in the First Reformed Church in Jersey City, N. J., on the first Wednesday in June, 1875, at 3 o'clock P. M., and adjourned, after a brief address and prayer by the President, the singing of the Doxology, and the Benediction pronounced by the President.

GOYN TALMAGE, *President*.

EDWARD P. INGERSOLL, *Adressor*.

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Permanent Clerk*.

A. PAIGE PEEKE, {
ALFRED H. BRUSH, } *Clerks, pro. tem.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk*.

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Presidents of General Synod.

YEAR.	PRESIDENTS.	FROM WHAT STATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1794—	Rev. Wm. Linn.....	New York.....	Albany, N. Y.
1797—	Rev. Dirck Romeyn.....	".....	New York.
1800—	Rev. Ira Condict.....	New Jersey.....	Albany.
1803—	Rev. John H. Livingston.....	New York.....	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
1806—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn.....	New Jersey.....	Albany.
1809—	Rev. Nicholas Lansing.....	New York.....	New York.
1812—	Rev. Jacob Sickles.....	".....	Albany.
1814—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	".....	New York,
1815—	Rev. John Schureman.	New Jersey.....	Albany.
1816—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	Pennsylvania....	New York.
1817—	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook....	New York.....	Albany.
1818—	Rev. William McMurray.....	".....	New York.
1819—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	".....	Albany.
1820—	Rev. James S. Cannon.....	New Jersey.....	New York.
1821—	Rev. Selah S. Woodhull.....	New York.....	Albany.
1822—	Rev. Philip Milledoler.....	".....	New York.
1823—	Rev. Jesse Fonda.....	".....	Albany.
1824—	Rev. Thomas DeWitt.....	".....	New York.
1825—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	Pennsylvania....	Albany.
1826—	Rev. John Ludlow.....	New York....	New York.
1827—	Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler.....	".....	Philadelphia.
1828—	Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker.....	".....	Albany.
1829—	Rev. John Knox.....	".....	New York
1830—	Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge.....	New Jersey.....	New Brunswick, N.J.
1831—	Rev. John Gosman.....	New York.....	Albany.
1832—	Rev. Isaac Ferris.....	".....	New York.
1833—	Rev. Jacob J. Janeway.....	".....	Schenectady.
1834—	Rev. Sam. A. Van Vranken....	New Jersey. . .	New York.
1835—	Rev. Robert Bronk.....	New York.....	Philadelphia.
1836—	Rev. Thomas M. Strong.....	".....	Albany.
1837—	Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff.....	".....	New York.
1838—	Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor.....	New Jersey.....	Albany.
1839—	Rev. George W. Bethune. . . .	Pennsylvania....	Philadelphia.
1840—	Rev. James Murphy.....	New York.....	New York.
1841—	Rev. James Romeyn.....	".....	Albany.
1842—	Rev. James B. Hardenberg....	New York.....	New York.
1843—	Rev. William C. Brownlee.....	".....	Albany.
1844—	Rev. Jacob Van Vechten.....	".....	Poughkeepsie.

YEAR.	PRESIDENTS.	FROM WHAT STATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1845—	Rev. Maurice W. Dwight.....	New York.....	New Brunswick.
1846—	Rev. William H. Campbell.....	".....	Albany.
1847—	Rev. Abraham Messler.....	New Jersey.....	New York.
1848—	Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye.....	New York.....	Kingston, N. Y.
1849—	Rev. George H. Fisher.....	".....	New York.
1849—	Rev. J. Van Vechten (ex. ses)...	".....	Schenectady, N. Y.
1850—	Rev. Jeremiah Searle.....	".....	Poughkeepsie.
1851—	Rev. Alexander M. Mann.....	".....	Albany.
1852—	Rev. Gustavus Abeel.....	New Jersey....	Williamsburgh, N.Y.
1853—	Rev. Duncan Kennedy.....	New York.....	Philadelphia.
1854—	Rev. Mancius S. Hutton.....	".....	Hudson, N. Y.
1855—	Rev. Ransford Wells.....	".....	New Brunswick.
1856—	Rev. Francis M. Kipp.....	".....	Utica, N. Y.
1857—	Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord..	".....	Ithaca, N. Y.
1858—	Rev. David D. Demarest.....	".....	Newark, N. J.
1859—	Rev. Samuel B. How.....	New Jersey.....	Albany.
1860—	Rev. Oscar H. Gregory.....	New York.....	Philadelphia.
1861—	Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef.....	".....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1862—	Rev. John Garretson.....	".....	Syracuse, N. Y.
1863—	Rev. Talbot W. Chambers.....	".....	Newburgh, N. Y.
1864—	Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr.....	Michigan.....	Schenectady.
1865—	Rev. Anson Du Bois.....	New York....	New Brunswick.
1866—	Rev. Hervey D. Ganse.....	".....	New York.
1867—	Rev. Thomas C. Strong.....	".....	Geneva, N. Y.
1868—	Rev. Elbert S. Porter.....	".....	Hudson, N. Y.
1869—	Rev. Charles H. Stitt.....	".....	Philadelphia.
1870—	Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye.....	".....	Newark, N. J.
1871—	Rev. William J. R. Taylor.....	New Jersey.....	Albany.
1872—	Rev. Joachim Elmendorf.....	New York.....	Brooklyn.
1873—	Rev. Acmon P. Van Gieson.....	".....	New Brunswick, N.J.
1874—	Rev. Goy'n Talmage.....	New Jersey.....	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

STATED CLERKS.

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Rev. James V. C. Romeyn, ".....	1806
Rev. John M. Bradford, ".....	1812
Rev. Selah S. Woodhull, ".....	1818
Rev. John Knox, ".....	1820
Rev. Thomas M. Strong, ".....	1828
Rev. David D. Demarest, ".....	1862
Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef ".....	1871

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APPENDIX.

The following, being the Report of the Committee of Conference with the Committee of the Presbyterian General Assembly (North), and also a Minority Report on the same subject, were ordered to be printed in an Appendix to the Minutes for information.

This Committee has also had a very full, frank, and interesting conference with the Committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America (the Northern Assembly). This last named Committee was appointed under a resolution by which the General Assembly expressed its belief that "an organic relation" between that Church and our own "would be to the honor of Christ, our one Lord and Head, the extension of His visible kingdom, and to the better establishment of our common Presbyterianism;" and its Committee was accordingly instructed to confer with our own "in regard to the desirableness and practicability of union between the two Churches."

The result of the conference thus had is given in the following paper, which was adopted by each of the conferring Committees; the vote in the Synod's Committee having stood 9 in favor of the paper, 4 against it, and 1 excused.

"1. The Committees are convinced that some closer union than has hitherto existed between these two denominations is truly desirable; and most obviously in the interests of their missionary work in the newer parts of our own country. For while it is evident that the two bodies hold each other in that warm respect and sympathy which must result from their close affinity in doctrine and polity; and while this mutual regard is unequivocally attested by such correspondence as has long been maintained between them, it is equally plain that in the practical matter of church extension their very resemblance to each other must increase the likelihood of wasteful collisions. This great evil seems to admit no certain cure

short of some arrangement which may bring at least the home missionary work of the two denominations under a common system.

“ But in suggesting such a remedy for this chief and pressing evil, the Committees have met the very natural question whether the two Churches may not, with great profit, extend such co-operation, if once begun, to other forms of denominational work. And they are bound to declare that their conferences have suggested no decisive reason why the advantages of such co-operation, and of the impression which it will be apt to make upon the whole community, may not ultimately be thought to be great enough to warrant an actual union of the Churches themselves.

“ 2. The Committees, however, are fully agreed that a matter so large and so delicate as the union of these independent and historic Churches, should, in no way, be pressed to a conclusion ; but should come about, if at all, as the result of the deliberate, well-informed, and general choice of the members of the two Churches. They have, therefore, thought it premature to propose to their respective bodies at this time any scheme of union in any form, being fully persuaded that even if the General Assembly and General Synod shall be quite ready to concur in the sentiment of this report, a harmonious result will in no way have been retarded by the caution and deliberateness with which the Committees have thought it their duty to act.

“ 3. But while the Committees are thus entirely unprepared to commend any scheme of union, they have found it very easy to agree upon a statement of some of the dangers against which such a scheme, if ever proposed, should effectually guard.

“ Inasmuch as nothing commends the two Churches to each other but their actual and well-known characteristics, it would be unreasonable, they think, to effect a union under any conditions by which the characteristics of either Church should be obliterated. It is especially evident that the relations of the Reformed Church to the Reformed Christians of Continental Europe, and of the Presbyterian Church to the Presbyterians of Great Britain, would be of permanent and equal value in reinforcing any united Church from these distinct European communities. And since these separate relations could not be manifested, except by keeping the twin roots of the united Church in open sight, it would seem that any wise union, whenever

effected, ought to make equal provision for maintaining the historical name and symbols of either body. The Committees are also agreed that no union would ever be wise, in which such peculiarities as may already prevail in either denomination, in liturgical usage, in the term of service of elders and deacons, and in the tenure and administration of the temporal property of the congregations, should not be effectually guarded from disturbance; so that congregations, sessions and consistories, should be absolutely secured, not only in their present local names and legal functions, but in all those time-honored customs to which they have become so rightfully attached. It is still farther evident, that there are important interests connected with denominational trusts and institutions which cannot even be adequately weighed without particular study; and which, in any possible scheme of union, would deserve to be guarded on both sides with the most scrupulous care.

“It is only upon such conditions of caution and equal mutual consideration between the two Churches, that the Committees can think the suggestion of union likely to be productive of any important results. Assured, however, of the entire reasonableness of these conditions, and fully believing that the Providence and Spirit of God will not withhold from this great and interesting question such decisive light as shall unite the members of the two Churches in either refusing or in choosing to be more closely related, the Committees further agree,

“In referring to the wisdom of the General Synod and the General Assembly, the question of the propriety of continuing the conference between them for another year.”

NOTE.—The Synod's Committee of Conference, appointed in 1873, consisted of the following: *Ministers*, H. D. Ganse, J. El-mendorf, A. B. Van Zandt P. D. Van Cleef, E. S. Porter, E. T. Corwin, A. G. Vermilye, W. R. Gordon, R. Pieters, A. P. Van Gieson, R. W. Clark, W. Ormiston, W. J. R. Taylor, P. Peltz. *Elders*, R. H. Pruyn, F. T. Frelinghuysen, F. Hughson, W. J. Bacon, Jonathan Sturges, S. R. W. Heath. Two of the above, namely, Rev. R. Pieters, and Rev. R. W. Clark, D.D., have never sat with the Committee, nor in any way acted with it. They have sent, however, courteous and adequate explanation of their absence.

At the conference with the Southern Committee there were present: *Ministers*, H. D. Ganse, J. Elmendorf, A. B. Van Zandt, P. D. Van Cleef, E. T. Corwin, A. G. Vermilye, W. R. Gordon, A. P. Van Gieson, W. Ormiston, W. J. R. Taylor, P. Peltz. *Elders*, F. Hughson, W. J. Bacon, Jonathan Sturges, S. R. W. Heath, (15). The approval of the joint report, (see above, Sec. I.) was unanimous in both committees.

At the conference with the Northern Committee, fourteen members were present, whose names will appear in the following record of the vote on the joint report, (which report see above, Sec. II).

For the Joint Report.—*Ministers*, H. D. Ganse, J. Elmendorf, E. S. Porter, E. T. Corwin, A. P. Van Gieson, W. Ormiston, W. J. R. Taylor. *Elders*, W. J. Bacon, Jonathan Sturges, (9).

Against the Joint Report.—*Ministers*, A. B. Van Zandt, W. R. Gordon. *Elders*, F. T. Frelinghuysen, R. H. Pruyn, (4).

Excused from voting.—*Elder*, S. R. W. Heath.

MINORITY REPORT.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The undersigned, members of the Committee appointed by the General Synod of 1873, to confer with a Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (North) on the subject of organic union, not being able to concur in the statements and reasoning of the report signed by the Chairman and Secretary of said Committee, would respectfully present the following:

1. We take pleasure in expressing our sense of the Christian courtesy and candor which characterized the repeated conferences of the two Committees, and whatever else may result, we cannot but believe that the mutual respect and confidence of the two Churches will be promoted by these interviews, and the bonds of Christian fellowship will be strengthened.

2. But in regard to organic union, we are constrained to say, that however desirable to some this may appear, in itself, yet in our view there are obstacles which render it impracticable in the present condition of the two Churches. Church union, if it is to be anything but a name, must be spontaneous and irresistible. It cannot be hastened before its time, nor can it be delayed when its time has arrived. But that time certainly has not arrived when persistent

efforts to secure it endangers the integrity of the Church, and tend directly and obviously to alienation and division. Unlike other measures of church policy, this is not one which can be safely carried by a mere majority.

The difficulties in the way of an organic union between the two Churches in question, are too many, and too formidable to be dealt with under the impulse of a mere sentiment, or the inspiration of imagined possibility. From the disparity of numbers in the two Churches it necessarily follows, that whatever concession may be proposed, yet our organic life is the price which must be paid for the doubtful gain of being absorbed in a larger body.

The conception of a United Church, embracing all those who hold similar views of truth, may be beautiful in theory. But it may well be doubted whether it would practically subserve the cause of Christ, or of a true Christian unity, to break down those denominational distinctions which have been the growth of centuries, and bury with them all the associations of historical life and traditional attachment.

Moreover, it ought to be remembered that the efficiency of a church is not always in proportion to its numbers. There is a kind of enlargement which tends to weakness and inefficiency. The Presbyterian system, with its gradations of courts, is capable of adjustment to various situations. But when it becomes so extended, under one organization, that only a very small representation of its churches can share in its general councils, the tendency to a centralization of power soon reaches the point at which a practical exclusion from a share of government, or a division, is the only alternative.

On the other hand, for all aggressive movements upon the kingdom of darkness, separate but affiliated churches, acting in sympathy, and in concert, may preserve their own integrity and be faithful to their respective trusts, and yet accomplish all that could be accomplished if they were called by the same name, and merged in the same organization.

Furthermore, it cannot be questioned, that individual responsibility presses heavier, and the talents and energies of all are more fully developed, other things being equal, in churches of moderate dimensions, yet large enough to keep all the agencies of evangelization in

operation, than in those greater organizations where the individual is comparatively lost in the multitude.

Upon a careful review of the whole question, the undersigned fully believe that we can illustrate the spirit of true Christian union by-dwelling together, side by side, with our Presbyterian brethren, in peace and harmony, without jealousy or encroachment, in the lot which Providence has cast for us, quite as well, and perhaps even better, than we could by our becoming merged into one organization.

At any rate, we are persuaded that the question of organic union is one which must await the developments of Divine Providence, and which we may rightfully postpone until God shall make the path of duty plain.

In the meantime, the experience of the past year has shown that the agitation of this question is hurtful to all the interests of the Church, and its continuance ought not to be encouraged by any further conferences in reference to it.

3. But whilst the undersigned regard it as important to the peace and prosperity of the Church, to terminate negotiations upon the question of organic union, we conceive that conferences for a revision of the Articles of Correspondence between the two Churches in order to a clearer understanding, and more satisfactory application of them, with a view to obviate rivalry, and promote co-operation in the field of Domestic Missions, is not only practicable but desirable.

The appointment of a committee to meet a similar committee from the Presbyterian Church (if appointed) to confer on the revision of the Articles of Correspondence, is therefore the only action which the undersigned would suggest to the General Synod.

A. B. VAN ZANDT,
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REPORT.

In presenting to Synod, the Annual Report of the interests committed to our care, during the year, beginning May 1st, 1873, and ending April 30th, 1874, your Board, with gratitude to God for his gracious blessing and help, respectfully submit the following statements :

I. STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

There have been, in all, eighty-two students under the care of the Board during the year. Of these, twenty-six have been connected with the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick; thirty-three have pursued their course of Classical studies at Rutgers College; two have been in preparation for College, in the Grammar School New Brunswick; eighteen have been members of the various classes of the Theological and Academic departments of Hope College; one has been connected with the Union Theological Seminary; one with the New York University, and one with Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Seven of those in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and three of those in the Theological department of Hope College, finished their Theological studies in May, 1873, and were licensed by their respective Classes. They all settled soon after in pastoral charges, and the Church is reaping in their ministerial labor the fruit of the seed sown in aiding them to secure a fitting preparation for their work.

Between the close of our year, as reported, and the meeting of Synod, four of those in the Seminary at New Brunswick and two of those at Hope College, have also finished their Theological course. Before the actual presentation of this Report, these will have been licensed to preach the Gospel, and will soon be engaged in aiding the Church in her harvest-work of gathering in the souls of men, as also her militant work of establishing the kingdom of her Lord in the earth.

In all these, from the testimonials of Professors and Teachers which we have received during their course, and from the oversight which has been constantly maintained, your Board feel that thanks are due to God for his blessing, in the addition to our ministry of a number of young men, well prepared for the great work of publishing the offer of God's salvation to men, and of intelligently expounding the doctrines of His Word to His Church. Your Board has endeavored to keep in view the requirements of God, as also the expectation of Synod and of the Church, that the ministry of the Word, though called of God and endowed by His Spirit, should, nevertheless be men furnished, as their proper instrumentality, with intellectual discipline, as also with proper stores of appropriate knowledge, fitting them to explore for themselves and to lay open for the people, the depths of Divine doctrine for the life of godliness in the Church.

Remembering that "like people, like priest," is the declaration of Divine judgment and of deepest woe, while pastors who shall feed their people with knowledge is Divine promise and of fullest grace, as also that the men who are to receive the ministerial commission, are to be not only faithful men, but also able to teach and to convince gainsayers. It has been the endeavor of the Board, on behalf of the Church, to secure as far as possible a thoroughly educated ministry. By no means overlooking the fundamental importance of spiritual and gracious endowments, which God alone can give, it has been our aim not to neglect the mental culture and training which it has pleased God to appoint in connection with them.

During the year, two of our young men have been compelled to suspend their studies, on account of ill health. One has also died. Three of our young men have left their studies under the care of the Board, two of them to pursue them under other auspices, and the other to enter into other pursuits.

Fourteen have been received during the year. At the close of the year there remained fifty-seven under our care.

The review of our work in this department has, like all other works of the Church and of the churches of every name in the army of our Lord, its twofold aspect, calling on the one hand for humiliation and on the other for thanksgiving and congratulation. Our numbers

consecrating themselves to the self-denying and world-forsaking work of the ministry run not into the hundreds and thousands. Fixing our view on possibilities, and assuming as already within reach a full exercise of heartiest consecration, we might ask : Have we done all that we could ? Might not the churches yield more of their young members as well as do more for their being brought to their Lord's service ? Assuredly both might be. More men might come ; more means might flow ; more prayer might arise ; more answers might come. Far be it from the Board or the Church to lower their desire one iota, that even thus it might be. Would that a supply of men more numerous and of means more abundant, to an extent beyond what the Church has ever yet witnessed, might be given to us and to all the Churches of our Lord ! At the same time, far be it also from us to paralyze all effort and deaden all interest, by either restlessness or inactivity, because all possibilities are not reached, or because what is, is not what it might be. The drones of society and the wrecks of the business world break the arm of their strength in this very murmuring. All things are against them, and they will do nothing because they cannot command the circumstances of the most favored and prosperous.

On the other hand, thanksgiving and congratulation may justly rise from the tokens of God's blessing and of His acceptance of what we do accomplish. A holy courage and a steadfast continuance, ever resulting under the favor of God's gracious Providence, in further advance, grow out of gladness that what endeavors we do make, further the great objects of our desire, as also the great purposes of God. As in social life and business enterprize, happiness and prosperity attend the path of those who thankfully and cheerfully receive the measure of what God bestows ; so in our Lord's kingdom, growth and advancement follow those who despise not the day of small things, but continuing faithful in the use of all that they can command, go gladly from strength to strength. Our few of earlier years have grown to larger numbers, and our day advances with that of all other branches of the church, when our scores shall become hundreds and our hundreds thousands. Side by side with other branches of the Church of Christ, it is our privilege to regard an equal proportion of our young men devoting themselves and an equal proportion of means contributed by our churches for the aid

of those whose providentially appointed circumstances need this help in preparation for the Lord's service in the ministry.

We would be unthankful not to recognize what God does use us to accomplish. We would be unfaithful not to desire, or not to labor with all diligence to secure more. With God's help, we would be neither, but thankfully accepting the plain manifestations of success for the good of the Church with which our work has been favored of God, diligently press forward to whatever measure we can attain, and earnestly pray God to make it grow unto its utmost possibility, when "Holiness unto the Lord" is written upon all the Church's members and all the Church's means, in this as in every department of His service. His ministry of the Gospel needs more men. The increase of men will require more means. In both the Church has grown and is growing. Your Board has pressed, and purposes to press continually for more. Our hope is in God that the yielding of both by the Church will grow, until the kingdoms of the world are our Lord Christ's, and His salvation is proclaimed by faithful heralds to every creature.

II. HOPE COLLEGE.

Owing in part to the embarrassed condition of the treasury of the Board, and in part to the natural expectation of an advance to self-support by institutions aided in their earlier steps, that the Board, as the agency of the Church, may enter new openings and occupy new fields of effort, the amount of aid rendered to this important institution has not been quite so large as that of last year. No lower view has been taken of the need of this agency for the building up of our interests and the growth of our Church in the West. Especially in view of the growing difficulty, or even impossibility of our keeping our hold upon the supply of a sufficiency of ministerial labor, do we recognize its work. With the changes which have taken place in our social and national life; with the influences that are at work in our commercial and ecclesiastical condition, the day is already past when our Eastern institutions can draw to themselves any large supply of their students from our distant churches, now counting their separation from them by thousands of miles, instead of hundreds, as those of a generation ago did.

If it be answered, that with the increase of distance, there is also an increase of the means of overcoming distance, it is equally plain that with this increase of facilities, there is a modification of willingness which cannot be overlooked. The abundance of the means of transit and communication has been attended with an increase of population. This has brought about a commingling of people of various views of religious faith, as well as of differing nationalities and social habits. Intercourse has largely modified the strictness of separation which were characteristic of former circumstances of the Church, and there is a greater ease of passing from one denomination to another, both in regard to church membership and ministerial preparation. Others are active to take advantage of this, and we must also be, or be merged and lost in the wave. Besides this there is, after all, the item of expense to the young men and the churches who aid them, which, added to the circumstances already alluded to, will carry the young men of our own churches to the Colleges and Seminaries of others.

Yet still more than all this, with this wave of commingling denominations from churches, there is a greatly larger influx of utter unbelief and of business worldliness, filling an important, and probably, ere long, a predominant section of our country, in which the conflict between the kingdoms of Christ and of Satan have assumed an intensity never known before. It cannot be a matter of indifference to the thoughtful Christian, whether the internal character of this nation, as well as the impress which it is giving the whole world, be for or against the cause of our Lord. Educational influences in Colleges, and preparation for ministerial service, in accordance with those forms of doctrine and life, which have already stood the test of such severe trials as are now in the old world, are among our great hopes, under God, for the evangelization of the land and the conversion of the world. Without them, all our Domestic Missionary work is shorn of a right hand, for binding to our own growth, in the name of the Lord Jesus, the results of its work. All the history of the Church proves that the mere first step of gathering to church membership converts from the world, lacks the elements of permanence and stability until the Church goes forward to the further step of an educated ministry and a people thoughtful of more, much more, than their mere conversion to God.

In these respects and others which might be presented, the establishment and complete endowment of Hope College in all its departments, is as important to our Church as any enterprise in which it is now engaged. The Board has endeavored to meet the expectations of Synod and the Church, as its means have allowed. The time has now fully come, and under the arrangements which Synod has made, besides the help of the Board, should now be taken advantage of to set up this monument of the Church's wisdom and enterprise on a firm basis, that the way may be cleared of obstacles, and the time now near at hand, under the activities of our Domestic Board, may be taken advantage of for repeating the same work in regions yet beyond.

III. PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

Aid has been extended during the year to eleven churches in supporting Parochial Schools. Your Board has carefully complied with the rules of Synod with regard to the character of these schools and of their teachers—the oversight of them by their Pastors and Consistories, and the kind of instruction given in them.

We gather from their Reports the following statistics, nine only having forwarded their reports in time for our statement:

Number of pupils on the rolls.....	590
“ “ in average attendance.....	468
Amount of aid given by the Board.....	\$ 762 50
“ raised for the Schools by their own church.....	1,820 00
Collections for the Parochial School Fund in the churches receiving aid.....	113 58
Number of pupils uniting with the churches, and in whose conversion the influence of the schools has been found instrumental.....	15

The following statements accompany some of their statistical reports:

“Our School is doing good. About one-third of the children belong to parents who have no church relations. By means of the children, religious knowledge is carried home and occasions are afforded to visit the parents and labor with them. Without this school we could not well hope to build up a church.”

"Our Parochial School is a necessity, and has proved a blessing to many a poor child which otherwise might never have been brought to a Sabbath School, much less to a church. We have accessions from the school to the Church."

"We find the benefit of our School in our Catechetical instructions, our scholars learning the Heidelberg Catechism, and being continually instructed in its doctrines."

"The teacher is a great help in ministering to the spiritual wants of the people."

"We all would feel the loss of our school very deeply. Although on account of the panic last Fall, we have had to struggle hard to carry on both our school and our church, we have never heard complaints about our school expenses."

"Many children are brought by means of the school into our Sabbath School and Church. Many parents who send us their children, are also thus induced to come themselves to the Church. You can easily see how great a power for good it is in this line."

"Although a large number of the scholars are children of parents who do not belong to any church, they send their children, because the school is conducted on Christian principles. With all their own personal neglect of Christian duty, many parents prefer to send their children where they will be brought up in the fear of the Lord."

Synod will readily apprehend from such statements, by pastors and consistories, that although this department of our work, from various causes and influences which have been presented in former Reports, has never fully taken hold of our own American churches, but has been and still is confined to those who have come to us from the conflicts and in many cases from the dominant sway of Romanism and infidelity in Europe, it is no small means of good. These people are, in Christian life, our brethren in full. In their understanding of, and adherence to, the doctrines of our standards, they are not a whit behind any of our own churches. We, ourselves, in common with others, have only grown from similar conditions in our social life, to what we deem the advance in the activities and advantages of our present state. Their children will come into the same life with ourselves. These schools are aiding the Church in her efforts to consolidate them with ourselves and to join them to our ranks in advancing the kingdom of Christ in our land.

Some of the direct advantages of these schools to the Church appear from the extracts which have been presented. Children are gathered from families who have before no relations with any church. Opportunities are presented for teachers and pastors, in a natural and unconstrained way, to carry religion to their homes. Benefits are acknowledged in their help to the better catechetical instruction of the young, many of whom would not be under such influence at all; and counteracting influences are brought efficiently to bear upon families who are otherwise especially exposed to those of Romanism and infidelity. Besides these, pastors own a helpful co-operation among the children and families of their churches from the intercourse of pious and godly teachers. These are all points of no light moment, which more of our churches might well consider worth gaining for themselves in their work.

IV. FUNDS.

The receipts of the Board for the year, from Church collections and individual donations, exclusive of interest on invested funds, have been \$13,578.41. These have been divided as follows:

Collections and donations for general purposes.....	\$13,164.83
“ for Parochial School Fund.....	113.58
Special donations for the Security Fund, which have been added to it.....	300

The permanent investments of the Board, amounting to \$12,000, on bond and mortgage on property in the city of New York, remain under the same securities as reported last year. The safety of both principal and interest is amply provided for. Our care will, of course, always be given that the kind design of donors, desiring by scholarships or funds to provide for the perpetual preparation of young men for the ministry, shall not be disappointed.

During the year, the Laing Fund has been paid to the Treasurer of General Synod, amounting to \$7,500.

The amount of this fund does not stand in accordance with the expressed wish of the donor. By his will, he devised a much larger bequest, to come into effect at different times and in different amounts, purposing to establish a fund of about \$60,000, as estimated. The fact that Synod, at the time of the will coming into

force by his death, had passed the bounds of the amount which its charter entitled it to hold, proved a barrier which, as the Courts decided, prevented the will from being carried out. After the close of the lawsuit growing out of the case, the heirs paid to Synod the amount of \$7,500, to be invested in the name of the donor, the interest to be employed as directed by him with reference to the whole, if it had been uncontested. Synod's own action, in securing the enlargement of its powers by legislative enactment, has provided for the prevention of any similar difficulty hereafter.

The bequest of Mrs. Jane Christina Ainslee, amounting to \$250, not requiring by the terms of her will the reservation of the principal for investment, has been paid by the Treasurer of Synod to the Treasurer of the Board. In accordance with the plan of the Security Fund of the Board, as approved by Synod, the amount has been added to that fund, and is so reported in the Treasurer's account.

There will also soon come into the Treasury of the Board the legacy of Mr. John Van Doren of Middlebush, N. J., amounting, as estimated by the executor, to about \$6,000. The legacy's coming into effect depended on the death of his widow, which occurred on the 12th of April, and his executor is now taking measures to settle the estate and transfer to the Board the amount bequeathed to it.

Your Board earnestly commend these examples of Christian liberality to the consideration of members of our churches able to do likewise. In the gracious Providence of God there is yet, and ever will be, room for the use both of such donations for permanent use, and of church and individual donations for the work as it passes. The Church of God is, of all agencies on earth, the most progressive. Her attention is called and her eye directed to the largest possible field—"the whole world." Until this field is all cultivated, the voice of Her Lord to herself and her members, is simply to go forward and continue the provision and use of means for doing it.

The receipts of the year, from purely church collections and individual donations, remains at about the same standard as those of last year. There was received, last year, a larger amount in the absolute sum; but this is accounted for by the special appeal made near the close of the year for the payment of the debt. The Board enters upon the new year with a debt upon its treasury of \$7,200. The importance of an enlarged liberality to remove this burden and

to prepare for the increase naturally to be expected, cannot be overestimated.

Our Church has advanced, as shown by the receipts for several years past, in her appreciation of the importance of her educational work. We need, however, a still further growth in this respect. The past year has been one of marked enlargement in the membership of many of our churches, by the outpouring of the Spirit of God, and revivals in which they have rejoiced. It is natural and according to all former experience of the Church, to expect from among young men brought into the church, an increase of those who devote themselves to the ministry. Many of these, as in all former experience of the Church, will need her aid in their course of preparation. The wisdom of the Church in securing the services of such, by her Board of Education, has too many marks of God's blessing to need an argument now. The objections to our work, or professed reasons for some other course than the aid of the Board for supplying the ministry, are all so trite, so contrary to the facts of the case, have been so often refuted by proper replies, and are so demonstrated to be untenable by the history of the Church, and of our own Church with others, that few cases can exist but of those who will not see, however clearly the truth stands before them. The present attitude of our Church, shown by the growth and regularity of her contributions, your Board believe to be such that we appeal with confidence to her pastors, officers and members, for every effort in their power to clear our way of its present obstruction by debt, and place in our hands means for all work to which the Providence of God shall point.

V. MEMBERSHIP.

The terms of the following members expire this year, and are to be filled by Synod's election :

Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.,	Mr. F. J. Hosford,
“ W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.,	“ Johnson Letson,
“ J. H. Manning D.D.,	“ John H. Browning,
“ G. H. Mandeville, D.D.	“ Charles Van Zandt.

The foregoing report was adopted by the Board, at its session May 12th, 1873, and ordered to be forwarded to General Synod.

JOHN L. SEE,

Corresponding Secretary.

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OF R. C. A.

Dr.

Paid Students at New Brunswick, etc	\$8,109 62
“ “ Hope College	1,794
“ for Professors' Salaries, etc, Hope College.	3,100
“ Salary of Corresponding Secretary	3,000
“ Appropriations for Parochial Schools.. .	762 50
“ Expenses	2,102 97
“ Loans.....	10,500
“ Interest	350
“ on Special Account.....	290
“ Hope College Interest on Endowment.....	1,668 59
“ Rutgers College, Incidental Expenses, etc., of Students.....	354
Balance in the Treasury	931 91
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	\$32,963 59

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By Balance as per last report.....	\$95 48
Receipts for Education Funds.....	12,857 83
“ Debt	307
“ Parochial Schools	113 58
Interest on Education Funds.....	5,495 42
“ Parochial School Funds... ..	502 50
“ Hope College Funds	1,668 59
“ Bond and Mortgage.....	833 19
Cash from Loans.....	10,500
“ for Special Account	290
“ for Security Fund.....	300 .
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	\$32,963 59
Invested on Bond and Mortgage.....	12,000
Amount of Security Fund.....	2,200
“ Debt	7,200

F. J. HOSFORD, *Treasurer*,

This is to certify that we have this 11th day of May, 1874, examined the accounts of F. J. Hosford, Treasurer of the Board of Education, and find a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, May 1st, 1874, of \$931 91, and that the accounts have been correctly kept.

JOHN D. PRINCE, }
JOHN LEFFERTS, } *Committee.*

TABULAR STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND RESULTS.

Churches and Missions aided.....	80
“ “ “ at the East.....	43
“ “ “ “ West.....	37
Number of Missionaries employed.....	75
“ Families.....	4,171
“ Members.....	5,974
“ received on confession.....	724
“ “ “ certificate.....	361
Whole number of Sabbath Schools reported.....	94
“ “ “ “ “ organized.....	9
“ “ “ conversions reported.....	104
“ “ “ Scholars “	7,551
“ “ “ New Undertakings.....	3
“ “ Church Buildings in process of completion.....	8
Contributions to the Board of Domestic Missions. \$1,246 12	
“ by the Missions to other benevolent objects.....	3,012 75
Whole amount received into the Treasury.....	\$32,929 82

REPORT.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Forty-Second Annual Report of your Board of Domestic Missions is herewith respectfully presented.

The goodness of God is most devoutly recognized in the events of the year past: The preservation of the lives and health of the members of the Board, and of the Missionaries in the field: The success in the midst of untoward circumstances in providing for the wants of a work now no longer in its infancy: The manifest favor of God which has crowned the labors of the year with larger and richer blessings than for many years past, call for our warmest thanksgiving, and deepen the conviction that God has a work for our Church and for our Board to do, upon which He is ever ready to set His seal.

Notwithstanding the severe pressure of financial embarrassment, which has been universal, our people have never shown a truer loyalty or a more earnest determination to do their own work and provide the means for its successful accomplishment. Our financial condition at the close of this year is, under the circumstances, to say the least, wonderful. And the Lord has smiled upon the consecration of His people, so that in every department of our field of labor the blessing has descended upon almost every altar-stone and new voices are heard in every assembly of His people.

SELF-SUPPORT.

For a very pleasant reason the number of families, as well as the number of members under the care of the Board this year, is somewhat reduced from the report of last year. The same state of facts is applicable to the number under Sabbath School instruction. The reason is that eight Churches of goodly size became self-sustaining last year, and with words of gratitude and abiding affection for

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the patient and helpful work of the Board, they have assumed, henceforth, their own maintainance; and, as when children go out from the parental roof, they have left a large space comparatively vacant. Still we report 80 Churches and Missions aided; of which 43 are at the East and 37 at the West, with 4,171 families and 5,974 members under the care of 75 Missionaries employed. There have been received on confession 724, and 361 on certificate. The whole number of Sabbath Schools reported is 94, with 7,551 scholars in attendance.

We present a tabular statement of Churches and Missions, in itself a very full report, giving all the information which can be given without swelling this report to undue proportions.

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Churches and Missions under the care of the Board of Domestic Missions, for the year ending April 30th, 1874. Eastern Department.

CHURCHES AND MISSIONS.	MINISTERS.	When Organized.	No. of Families.	Salary Raised.	Church Building.	Parsonage.	Probable Value.	Amount of Land.	Distance from Reformed Church, any other.	Distance from any other Evangelical Church.	PROBABILITIES OF BECOMING SELF-SUSTAINING.
Second Astoria, L. I.	C. D. F. Steinführer	1854	75	\$600	Yes.	Yes.			2 Miles.	Vicinity.	Self-sustaining.
Boonton, N. J.	Frederick F. Wilson	1868	60	500	"	No.			70 "	"	
Brookfield, Conn.	Stanford Wells, D. D.	1869	40	400	"	Yes.			15 "	"	
*Cato, N. Y.	W. H. Van Doren, P. E.	1869	60	"	"	"			1 Mile.	"	
Central Ave., Jersey City Heights	George L. Wolfe, P. E.	1872	29	700	No.	No.					
Clymer Village, N. Y.	L. C. Jopling	1871	55	250	Yes.	"					
Easton,	Abraham H. Meyers.	1815	37	490	"	"			7 Miles.		
Free, Jersey City.	Andrew J. Park.		92								
Fair Haven, N. Y.	James L. Southard.	1847	53	450	Yes.	Yes.	\$1,500	$\frac{1}{2}$ Acre.	15 Miles.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile.	
Fourth German, New York City.	John H. Oertel.	1858	50	600	"	No.					
Grahamville, N. Y.	Vacant.	1844	50	"	"	Yes.			8 Miles.		
Guttenberg, N. J.	Peter B. Collus	1872	100	500	"	No.			2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles.		
Third Hackensack,	George Saul.	1860	34	350	Yes.	Yes.	1,200	1 Lot.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile.	
Highlands,	Abraham W. Allen.	1873	30	600	begun	No.			8 Miles.	3 Miles.	
First Hoboken,	Charles D. Buck.	1850	25	1000	Yes.	"			1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Vicinity.	Not Organized.
Holokus,	Vacant.	1873									
Holland, Albany, N. Y.	Adrian Zwemer	1859	79	800	Yes.	Yes.	11,500	2 Lots.		Vicinity.	
Holland, New York City.	A. H. Bechtold.	1866	100	400	No.	No.					
First Holland, Paterson, N. J.	James Huyssoon	1864	83	492	Yes.	Yes.	2,000	1 Lot.	1-10 Miles.	$\frac{1}{4}$ Mile.	
Second Hudson City,	C. Doepfenschmidt	1859	55	350	"	No.			4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles.	
Huacenos, S. I.	Francis M. Kipp, D. D.	1850	40	200	"	"			$\frac{1}{2}$ "	$\frac{1}{2}$ "	
Kerhonkson, N. Y.	John DuBois.	1854	70	400	"	Yes.	2,000	$\frac{1}{2}$ Acre.	3 "	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile.	
Keyport, N. J.	Elias Nead.	1847	60	800	"	"	5,000	City Bk	8 "	Vicinity.	
Locust Valley, L. I.	John Hart.	1871	48	650	"	No.		$\frac{1}{2}$ Acre.	4 "	100 Yards.	
Matoax, Va.	John Huizenga	1869	20	"	"	"		3 Acres.	400 "	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile.	
Melrose, N. Y.	George Windemuth	1864	54	550	"	Yes.	2,000	1 Lot.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile.	25 Feet.	
Mina Corners,	Jacob Weber	1856	31	352	"	No.			10 Miles.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile.	

Churches and Missions under the care of the Board of Domestic Missions, for the year ending April 30th, 1874. Western Department.

Church	Minister	When Organized	No. of Families	Salary Raised	Church Building	Parsonage	Probable Value	Amount of Land	Distance from any other Reformed Church	Distance from any other Evangelical Church	Probabilities of becoming self-sustaining
Minisink, N. Y.	Wm. E. Turner	1737	52	\$600	Yes	Yes	2,000	2 Acres.	8 Miles.	1 Mile, 200 Rods.	Self-sustaining.
Montrose, " "	John B. Thompson, D. D.	1717	50	185	Yes	Yes	4,000	15 "	8 "		
Naumburg, " "	John Boelher	1855	26	135	Yes	Yes	1,000	30 "	7 "		
Neversink, Upper " "	Vacant	1-49	25		Yes	No.			8 "		
New Bremen, " "	John Boelher	1855	30	80	begin	Yes			7 "		
New Brooklyn, L. I.	Charles F. C. Suckow	1853	90	800	Yes	Yes	3,000	1 Lot.	1 Mile.		Self-sustaining.
Second Newtown, " "	Vacant				Yes						
Olvasco Outlet, N. Y.	Artemas Dean	1812	48	700	Yes	Yes	2,500	11 Acres	5 Miles.	2 1/2 Miles.	Self-sustaining.
Palisades, N. J.	Henry Mattice	1868	115	700	Yes	Yes	4,000	3/4 Acre, 1 1/2 "	1 1/2 "	1 Mile.	
Second Paterson, " "	A. K. Kasse	1866	50	900	No.	No.					
Pultreyville, N. Y.	P. G. M. Baller	1871	95	550	Yes	No.			5 Miles.	4 Miles.	
Richmond, S. I.	J. H. Sinclair	1854	28	350	Yes	Yes	2,000	3/4 "	4 "	500 Feet.	
Sayville, L. I.	Gerrit Van Emmerik	1867	43	350	Yes	Yes	2,000		30 "	1 Mile.	
Sharon, N. Y.	Thomas L. Stafer	1800	65		Yes	Yes	1,500	3/4 Acre, 45 Miles.	45 Miles.	6 Miles.	
Thousand Isles, N. Y.	George Rockwell	1851	75	350	Yes	Yes	2,000	10 Acres	17 "	2 1/2 Miles.	
Tyre, N. Y.	Wm. D. Buckelew	1871	40	450	Yes	Yes		2 Lots.	1 Mile.	1/2 "	
West End, N. J.	Wm. H. Van Doren	1869	43	450	Yes	No.					
Westerlo, N. Y.	John H. Pitcher	1793	50	550	Yes	Yes	1,300	3/4 Acre, 10 Miles.	10 Miles.	Vicinity.	

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Churches and Missions	Ministers	When Organized	No. of Families	Salary Raised	Church Building	Parsonage	Probable Value	Amount of Land	Distance from any other Reformed Church	Distance from any other Evangelical Church	Probabilities of becoming self-sustaining
American, Chicago, Ill.	U. D. Gutiek	1854	62		Yes	No.			2 1/2 Miles.	Vicinity.	Self-sustaining.
Beaver Dam, Mich.	J. Brock	1870	64	\$300	Yes	Yes	\$1,000	2 Acres	2 1/2 Miles.		
* Bethel, Iowa	Vacant	1866	40		Yes	Yes	1,000	1 Acre.	5 Miles.		
First Chicago, Ill.	B. DeRuy	1851	190	1200	Yes	Yes	5,000	8 Lots.			
* Danforth, Ill.	R. Duiker	1869	25	450	Yes	No.			50 Miles.		
Davenport, Iowa	Henry E. Decker	1859	51	800	Yes	No.			100 Miles.		
* Detroit, Mich.	Vacant	1872	26	250	No.	No.			20 Miles.	Vicinity.	

It will be observed from the foregoing tables, that four Churches have assumed their own support during the present year. Three at the East, viz: 2d Astoria, L. I., New Brooklyn, L. I., and Owasco Outlet, N. Y., and one at the West, viz: the American Ref'd Church of Chicago, Ill. It is hardly necessary to add that this is an unspeakable satisfaction to the Board.

REVIVALS.

The past has been a year of unusual blessing. Not that the aggregate of those received is so much in advance of other years, but because the reviving influences have been so widely distributed. It has not been a flood in one section, and droughth and barrenness in another, but the gracious visitation of God's Spirit has descended, upon well nigh all of our Missions, and precious fruits have been gathered from nearly every part of the field.

Among others the following fourteen Churches are worthy of special mention :

Beaver Dam, Mich., has received a large accession by certificate, besides making substantial progress in other respects.

1st Chicago, Ill., has also received large additions, and is engaged in the blessed work of refreshing the children of God on their journey, so that they may reach safely their more distant homes.

Fulton, Ill., seems to have tasted the first drops of the refreshing shower, and has already received eight on confession.

1st Grand Rapids, Mich., has made wonderful progress during the past year. A church edifice and parsonage have been acquired, and the Church, which was well nigh extinct, has become a power for good in the community.

Norwood Park, Ill., has enjoyed a precious season of refreshing, and ten have been added on confession.

Pekin, Ill., has well nigh completed a church building, and while the people were "bringing their tithes into the storehouse, God opened to them the windows of heaven, and poured them out a blessing which they had not room to receive." Fourteen have already been added to the Church.

2d Pella, Iowa, seems to have been the subject of a gracious visitation. Ten have been added on confession.

Cr. By Balance on hand.....		714 94
“ contributions from Churches...\$19,264 18		
“ “ Sunday Schools, 3,590 05		
“ “ Individuals.... 4,577 05		
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Total Contributions.....\$27,431 28		
From Legacies.....5,498 54		
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		32,629 82

	33,644 76
Dr.—To Payments.....	33,004 87
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Balance.....	\$639 89

This result is little less than marvelous. It indicates that our people deeply feel that they have their own work to do, and that they are not willing to take one step backward.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

The Treasurer reports an indebtedness of some \$14,000 to the account of this Fund. We commenced the year with an indebtedness of \$6,791 65, which has been increasing as above. This is a Legacy which came to your Board from the Centennial effort. The long, patient waiting of Churches for the needed "aid in building was stimulated by the magnificent expectation of the first \$100,000 to the Church Building Fund." And your Board could not, without an apparent hard heartedness, deny to these needy Churches the privilege of being recorded in the order of application, "to be paid when in funds." Some \$15,000 were thus promised; a sum about equal to the Centennial gift. But two-thirds of that gift was specifically designated, leaving the Board no control of it, and hence, to save of the Churches, this debt has been incurred. It is needless to say that appropriations cannot be continued until this obstacle is removed.

NEW UNDERTAKINGS.

The financial condition of the country, and other depressing influences in the Church, have prohibited the undertaking of new work, except to a very limited degree.

A Mission of a remarkable character has been commenced at the Highlands, N. J. It may not in many years, if ever, rise higher than a Mission, but the Church can hardly afford to decline the legacy which Christ has left her. "For the poor ye always have with you." And the blessing of God has already come upon them with wonderful results.

Your Board are also impressed with the conviction that perhaps the most economical use of inadequate means, is to locate a Mis-

sionary in a region destitute of the Gospel, and let him evangelize as large a district as practicable. With this in view, a Missionary has been appointed for the Classis of Grand River, to be located at Detroit, and one has also been appointed for the Classis of Wisconsin, to operate along the Mississippi River.

CHURCH BUILDINGS BEGUN AND COMPLETED.

Aid has been extended during the year to 14 church enterprises, none of which seem to have quite reached completion.

Pekin, Ill., has accomplished a great work in the rebuilding of their church, and by the generous donation of a lady in Albany, the Board has been enabled to extend liberal aid in the effort.

The Fourth (Holland) Church of Albany is completed by the generous assistance of sister Churches, and is now in a state of very hopeful prosperity.

Somerset, Kansas, is rejoicing in possession of a neat church edifice, now nearly completed, by donations mainly from Somerset County, New Jersey.

Hope Church, and 3d Holland, Mich., are once more nearly in possession of church edifices which they can occupy, though far from being complete, and they are rejoicing in the generous sympathy extended to them.

New Bremen, N. Y., has also nearly completed a church edifice sufficient for the wants of the community where it is located.

Orange City, Iowa.—For some time past the Board has been vainly endeavoring to extend sufficient aid to this large enterprise which would justify the commencement of the work. But God put it into the heart of a Christian lady of this city to donate \$4,000 for this enterprise, and the work of building is going on earnestly. Few monuments of Christian love, more enduring or blessed in their results, are reared in a lifetime.

Highlands, N. J.—A neat and attractive place of worship has been well nigh completed.

Aid has also, in some form, been extended to the following Churches: Walkill Valley, N. Y.; Annandale, N. J.; Spottswood, N. J.; Jericho, L. I., and Irving Park, Ill. And many others are awaiting the power of the Board to aid them in securing locality and shelter for the ordinances of God and his worshipping people.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Board does not feel the need of making a new declaration upon the importance of this work. God has set his seal too often upon the blessed mission of the Sabbath School Teacher. The work has been steadily pursued. Organization, aid and supervision have been afforded, and 120 conversions are reported; and the contributions of the children are nearly \$1,000 in advance of last year.

No elaborate tabular statement could be presented without swelling this Report beyond available proportions.

COMMITTEES ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Board reports with great hopefulness that Committees on Church Extension have been appointed, in some form, in all the Classes, and that very important results have already been reached. In many cases the applications from vacant congregations are submitted to these Committees, and are carefully revised; and if the General Synod can adopt any measures by which the recommendations of Classes shall be intelligent, conscientious and careful, much perplexity can be spared to the Board, and the resources of the Church considerably extended.

REMOVALS AND CHANGES.

Rev. P. Moerdyk, has been called to the 1st Church Grand Rapids, Mich., and has entered upon a work of great promise.

Rev. W. B. Gilmore has been settled over the Church of Spring Lake, Ill.

Rev. John A. Van Doren has resigned the charge at Annandale, N. J. Rev. R. Van Amburgh is generously supplying the field.

Rev. George H. Pool has resigned at Central Avenue, Jersey City Heights, N. J., and Rev. George L. Wolfe has been called in his stead.

Rev. A. G. Lansing has been called from Norris, Ill., to Irving Park, Ill. The prospect is that Norris will soon be supplied.

Rev. G. Dangremond has been called from the Church of Hamilton, Mich., into another denomination. The Pastor of the Church Fynaart, has ministered to them.

Rev. Artemas Dean has been called to the Church of Owasco Outlet, and the Church has become self supporting.

Rev. John A. Davis has resigned the charge at the Palisades, N. J., and settled at Pottersville, N. J. Rev. Henry Mattice is his successor.

Rev. William Vander Kley, from Hope Seminary, has been settled over the Church of Graafschap, Mich.

Rev. John H. Pitcher has been called to the Church of Westerlo, New York.

Rev. A. H. Meyers has been settled over the Church of Easton, New York.

Rev. L. G. Jongeneel has been transferred from the Church of Hohokus, N. J., to Clymer Village, N. Y.

Rev. A. Zwemer has been called to the Fourth Church, Albany, New York.

Rev. James F. Zwemer, of Hope Seminary, has been called to the Church of Fynaart, Mich.

CONCLUSION.

With adoring thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, and unfaltering trustfulness and gratitude to a faithful, generous people, we conclude the report of our labors for the year. It matters little that our reserve for the coming year's work is but a few hundred dollars, our trust is in God and in His earnest, consecrated people, and our hope shall not be disappointed.

The term of service of the following members of the Board expires June, 1874 :

Rev. Wm. Ormiston, D.D.,

“ Charles I. Shepard,

“ Oliver E. Cobb,

“ Goyñ Talmage,

Rev. Henry E. Decker,

Mr. S. R. W. Heath,

“ S. B. Stewart.

“ John A. Hardenburgh.

*The Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church
in America, in account with JOHN R. SMITH, Treasurer.*

Dr.

April 30, 1874.		
To Cash paid Missionaries, as per appropriations.....		\$26,773 94
Salary of Corresponding Secretary.....	3,000	
Expenses, including rent of office, fuel, circulars, postages and traveling expenses of Secretary	922 81	
Traveling expenses of Special Agent, and for removal of Missionaries.....	277 65	
Interest on loans.....	315 72	
Board of Publication for Books, and on account "Sower".....	591 58	
Printing Annual Report and Circulars.....	314 25	
Expenses of Recording Secretary.....	5	
Counsel fee in the matter of the Will of Roxana Childs, deceased, Utica.....	250	
Iron Safe for office of Secretary.....	151 97	
for outfits for Church Offerings.....	41 95	
Treasurer for postage, Stationery, and allowance for clerk hire, proportion is	360	
		<hr/> 6,230 93
To Balance to new account.....		639 89
		<hr/> <hr/> \$33,644 76

Cr.

April 30th, 1874. By balance from old account		\$714 94
April 30th, 1874. By cash as follows, viz:		
from Churches.....	\$19,264 18	
from Sunday-schools.....	3,590 05	
from Individuals.....	4,577 05	
		<hr/>
Total amount of contributions.....	27,431 28	
By Cash received from Legacies.....	5,498 54	
		<hr/> 32,929 82
Total income		<hr/> <hr/> \$33,644 76

JOHN R. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, April 30th, 1874.

Examined, and found correct,

JOHN P. HARDENBERGH, }
SAMUEL B. STEWART, } Committee.

*The Church Building Fund of the Reformed Church in
America, in account with JOHN R. SMITH, Treasurer.*

Dr.

April 30th, 1873.		
To Balance from old account.....		\$1,963 58
April 30th, 1874.		
To payments on loans as follows, viz:		
Church Pekin, Ill.	5,000	
Orange City, Iowa.....	3,000	
South Pass, Nebraska... ..	800	
3d, Holland, Mich	1,667 71	
"Hope," Holland, Mich.....	114 52	
Somerset, Kansas.....	429 15	
New Bremen, New York.....	548 51	
Sayville, Long Island	1,000	
Palisades, New Jersey.....	189 17	
Fourth German, New York	15	
	<hr/>	12,764 06
To Insurances.....		208 22
To Interest as follows:		
Acct. Spotswood N. J.....	70	
Second Chicago, Ill.....	2,344 48	
South Church, New Haven.....	2,000	
Central Ave., Jersey City Heights....	550	
Clinton Station, N. J.....	280	
Jericho L. I.....	35	
Walklil Valley, Ulster Co., N. Y.....	350	
Loans at Bank, etc.....	592 80	
	<hr/>	6,232 37
To Treasurer for postage, Stationery, and allowance for clerk, his proportion is...		140 00
		<hr/>
		<u>\$21,308 23</u>

Cr.

April 30th, 1874.

By Cash contributions as follows, viz:

For general purposes	3,891 83	
“ specific objects... ..	7,952 10	
		<u>\$11,843 93</u>
By Cash for loans Church High Prairie, Illinois, in full.....	200	
By Cash for Interest... ..	217	
		<u>417</u>
Total Income.....		12,260 93
By Balance to new account.....		9,047 30
		<u>\$21,308 23</u>

JOHN R. SMITH, *Treasurer*.

NEW YORK, April 30th, 1874

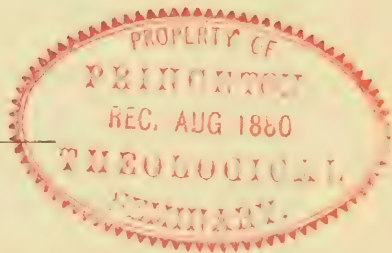
Examined, and found correct,

JOHN P. HARDENBERGH, } Committee.
 SAMUEL B. STEWART, }

Balance as per statement above.....	\$9,047 30
* Due Church Irving Park Ill.....	2,000
Orange City, Iowa.....	1,000
* Jericho, L. I.....	1,000
† Pultneyville, N. Y.....	1, 000
	<u> </u>
Indebtedness May 1st, 1874....	\$14,047 30

* Since paid. † Paid in part.

THE
FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Board of Foreign Missions,
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,
AND
Seventeenth of Separate Action,
WITH THE
Treasurer's Tabular and Summary Report of Receipts,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1874.



NEW YORK:
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OF THE
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34 VESEY STREET, CORNER OF CHURCH.
1874.

REPORT.

The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully presents to the General Synod the following Report of the forty-second year of its existence, and seventeenth of its separate and independent action :

I. HOME DEPARTMENT.

1. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

At the beginning of the year the Board was called to lament the loss of the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., LL.D. "From the organization of the Board in 1832 until last June, for the long period of forty-one years, he had been a member of this body, diligent in attendance, active in its work and thoroughly devoted to its interest. Under its present organization he was its first Corresponding Secretary, and for several years under its previous constitution he filled the same office. His labors as a member of its Executive Committee were continued until the close of his earthly career. To his wisdom foresight, and administrative ability, and untiring consecration, our Missions abroad and the Churches at home, owe a large debt of obligation and gratitude. His eloquent tongue and skillful pen were always ready to plead the cause, which next to his own personal ministry, lay nearest his heart." Rev. Henry N. Cobb was elected to fill the place of Rev. Dr. Ferris, in the membership of the Board, and Rev. A. R. Thompson, D.D., to fill the vacancy in the Executive Committee.

2. AGENCIES EMPLOYED.

The Revs. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D., and J. H. Van Doren, of the Amoy Mission, and Rev. W. W. Scudder, D.D., of the Arcot Mission, have presented to the churches the condition and wants of the work in which they have been engaged, during a considerable portion of the year.

The intelligence received from the Missions has been published in the *Christian Intelligencer* and *Sower and Gospel Field*.

Two circulars have been issued, one in reference to the formation of Women's Missionary Societies, and one, at the end of March, in regard to the financial wants of the Treasury.

Four hundred and ninety Family Missionary Boxes have been distributed during the year, making the whole number sent out thus far three thousand four hundred and ninety.

3. FINANCES.

The receipts of the year have been :—From Churches, \$30,612 34; Sabbath Schools, \$5,676 61; Individuals, through Churches, \$5,000 25; Individuals, not through Churches, \$1,270 50; Miscellaneous Sources, \$6,609 71; Legacies, \$6,183 54; Total, \$55,352 54. Deducting \$3,675 51 of the amount received from Miscellaneous sources, and \$6,183 54 received from Legacies, in all \$9,859 05, we have received \$45,493 90 remaining as the amount contributed by the Churches during the year.

The income of the Board has not been so small since the year that terminated on the 30th of April, 1864. This result is due in part to the severe financial losses in September and October, and to the subsequent inactivity in all the branches of trade; but it is also true that a score of churches, that may be presumed to have felt the pressure of the times as severely as any others, have maintained their gifts at the standard of previous years.

The debt of the Boards amounts to \$9,000.

The appropriations for the year to come are as follows: To the Amoy Mission, \$11,855; to the Arcot Mission, \$30,000; to the Japan Mission, \$11,000; Total, \$52,855. To send out the reinforcements anticipated, will call for an outlay of about \$2,000. The cost of administration will be about \$7,000, making the whole amount required for the year \$61,855, to which must be added the amount of indebtedness.

The Board looks forward to the coming summer with great anxiety. The drafts from the Missions falling due between the 1st of May and the 1st of September amount to \$22,000. If the receipts during that time shall be no larger than the average of the last ten years, an indebtedness of over \$10,000 will be incurred.

Upon the fields occupied by the Missions the present is a time of ingathering. If it shall be necessary to diminish the appropriations during the coming year, the harvest cannot be gathered, the regions opening most invitingly before us cannot be entered, the success probable in the future will be largely diminished, and the period of self-supporting churches, so earnestly desired, be indefinitely postponed.

4. RE-ENFORCEMENTS.

Mr. John H. Wyckoff of the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J., has been accepted as a Missionary of the Board, to be connected with the Arcot Mission, and, if it please God, will leave in a few months for his chosen field. Miss Mary E. Talmage, the daughter of the Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D., has been appointed as an Assistant Missionary of the Amoy Mission, and is on the way to China.

The great need of ordained ministers, especially in India and China, was made known to the students of Hertzog Hall at an interview enjoyed in October last. In a few days a remarkable paper was received, signed by five students of the Middle Class and two of the Junior Class, and stating that while they did not feel a special divine call to become Foreign Missionaries, still, in view of the great and urgent need of the Missions, and after prayerful consideration, they had determined to place themselves at the disposal of the Board, to be sent wherever there should be the greatest necessity for their presence. The Church only can decide, by its contributions, how many of these young men shall be commissioned.

For a few years there has been an increasing desire for education on the part of the women and girls of Japan, India and China. The enlargement of work of this kind on our own fields induced the Board to send out a circular requesting the formation of a Woman's Missionary Society in each Church as soon as practicable. In consequence of this appeal a number of societies have been formed already, and in some localities the first steps have been taken toward such organizations. The hope is entertained that the next Annual Report will show that teachers have been sent out, that existing schools have been enlarged, and additional schools established by the gifts, and under the supervision and management of the Christian women of our communion.

II. SURVEY OF THE MISSIONS.

1. THE AMOY MISSION, CHINA.

(Organised in 1844.)

The Mission occupies the cities of Amoy, population 200,000 ; Chio-bey, population 60,000 ; Chiang-chiu, population 200,000 ; and Tong-an population 60,000. The territory traversed by the Missionaries and native helpers, being about 50 miles in length, and from 7 to 14 miles in breadth, has a population of more than 3,000,000 of souls, including those of the cities already named.

The Missionary force consists of—

Missionaries.—Revs. Daniel Rapalje ; Leonard W. Kipp ; and John V. N. Talmage, D.D., at present on his way back to China.

Assistant Missionaries.—Mrs. Helen M. Kipp ; Miss Helen M. Van Doren ; Mrs. Talmage and Miss Mary E. Talmage, on their way to China.

The Rev. J. H. Van Doren resigned his commission as a Missionary to Amoy, in April, as the medical advisors of the Board could not recommend his return.

STATISTICS OF THE AMOY MISSIONS OF THE AMERICAN REFORMED
CHURCH AND ENGLISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
For 1873.

CHURCHES.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Died.	Excommunicated.	Members Dec. 31st, 1873.	Under Suspension.	Infant Baptisms.	Boys in School.	Girls in School.	Contributions, (for Chinese year ending Jan 28, 1873.)
First Amoy.....	8	2	2	1	1	93	2	8	14	4	\$317 16
Second ".....	9	1	2	3		126	3	15	24	30	257 23
Chioh-be ¹	11	1	1	3	3	93	10	7	15		69 45
O-kang ²	6					44	4				29 97
Hong-san ³	7		1	1		73	3	8	9		145 06
Tong-an.....	7		2			48	8				50 88
Chiang chiu ⁴	1		1			63	9	2			66 90
Total, Am. Ref. Mission.....	49	4	9	8	4	540	39	40	62	34	\$936 65
Peh-chui-ia ⁵	10			3		76	1				
Ma-peng ⁶	16			5		156	24				
Khi-boey ⁷	4			2		45	9	1			
Kio-lai ⁸	2			3		62	3	6			
Liong-bun-sio.....	5			1		49	4				
E-mung-kang.....						28	4				
An-hai ¹⁰	5					88	14	8			
Chin-chew.....	2	1				27	6	5			
Total, Eng. Presb. Mission... ..	44	1		14		531	65	20			
Total, both Missions.....	93	5	9	22	4	1071	104	60			

¹Has two Preaching places,⁶Has five Preaching places.²Has two " "⁷Has two " "³Has two " "⁸Has two " "⁴Has two " "⁹Has two " "⁵Has three " "¹⁰Has two " "

The Rev. Daniel Rapalje reports on behalf of the Mission, as follows :

I send herewith our statistics for 1873. As usual, the statistics of the English Presbyterian Mission are given along with ours, as their Churches and ours all belong to the same "*Tai-Hoe*," or "*Classis*" of Amoy. This "*Classis*" holds its stated meetings in the Spring and Fall of each year. At the Spring meeting the statistics of the various churches are presented, and a committee on the state of religion makes its report. The native Pastors and Elders see the advantages resulting from such meetings, and are, every year, taking a more prominent part in their proceedings. We Missionaries are regarded as members of "*Tai-Hoe*," but, while it would not be advisable for us to withdraw from it at present, we all the while seek to keep before the minds of the native brethren the fact that the sooner they can take the entire charge of such meetings themselves the better it will be for the Church.

We have reason to be thankful for the good degree of health and strength, with which, we who remain at Amoy, have been permitted to continue our work. Miss Van Doren found it necessary to take a change last Summer, and the trip to *New Chwang*, in Northern China, proved beneficial to her health. After an absence of a little less than two months she returned to Amoy with renewed strength for her work.

Pastors Iap and Chhoa are still settled over their respective charges at Amoy. They occasionally assist us at the out stations. Pastor Iap also meets our Theological students three days each week for the careful reading and exposition of portions of Scripture. Pastor Tiong remains at *Chioh-be*. There has been trouble in his congregation, and the Church is still in such an unsatisfactory state that it may be necessary for the Pastor to resign. The fault is no doubt partly his, but some of the members are also greatly to blame for the present state of things.

Besides the Pastors, there 10 Preachers connected with the Mission. Two of these are licentiates. The licentiate *Ti Leng* is still in poor health, and quite unable to preach. It will be seen that our force of helpers actually engaged in the work is very small. We need recruits immediately. At the same time we do not wish to call any one to this service who has not first been called to it by the Master. We

might easily add to the native Helpers, but past experience teaches us that great care must be taken in employing those who offer themselves.

There are six students in our Theological school. Besides studying with Pastor Iap, they have had frequent lectures by Mr. Kipp, and also by Dr. Douglas of the English Presbyterian Mission. They have also assisted in preaching at stations near Amoy. Two of them will probably spend most of their time in evangelistic work, after the Chinese New Year. We have been disappointed in some cases where we hoped we had secured the service of worthy young men to aid us in our work. One of our students left us quite abruptly at the close of his preparatory course, and is now engaged in business. Another, temporarily acting as teacher of the Parochial School at Chiohbe, had to be suspended from church fellowship for immoral conduct. We have, however, no reason to be discouraged by occasional instances of this kind. We regard the Theological School as one of the most important agencies we can employ for the spiritual good of this people. We hope soon to be able to add to the number of our students.

We did very little during the year in way of printing. Since the book of Psalms in romanized colloquial was completed, our little press has been quiet. We still have on hand a supply of colloquial books. These are found useful for those who have not time to spend in the difficult work of learning to read books in the Chinese character. But our supply on hand will not last long, especially, as we sometimes receive orders for colloquial books from Formosa. When the Mission is re-enforced we may be able to start the press again.

The statistics for the year show a slight increase in our membership, but we have to lament the large number of members under suspension. It is evidence of the want of spiritual life in the churches. One of the principal things for which the church has to exercise discipline is the sin of Sabbath-breaking. With heathenism all around them it is not an easy thing for the native Christians to keep holy the Sabbath day. Besides there are persons known as Plymouth Brethren among us, and they hold, or at least some of our people have learned from them, loose views as to the binding nature of the Fourth Commandment. Temptation thus becomes doubly strong, and we need not wonder that some yield to it.

We report no new stations. Every new station implies an additional outlay of Mission money, and we have been careful to keep within our appropriations. Besides we have so few helpers that it is doubtful whether new stations could be properly manned if opened. We are looking out for a more convenient centre for our work in the *Sio Khey* region, beyond *Chiang-chiu*. We have written about that important field. The place we hope to secure for a Chapel is in a market town on one of the main roads, and in the midst of a thickly populated plain. Our entire Mission force might be most profitably employed in that district alone, but that is only one of the several centres we are trying to occupy. Will not the Church send us additional laborers that we may do more seed-sowing in the hope of a more abundant harvest?

Schools for the christian instruction of the children of the Church have been kept up at Amoy, and at two of the out-stations. Out of Amoy, our people are so scattered that it is often difficult to get enough children together to warrant the expense of employing a teacher for them. Where schools are opened by us, our aim is to give the children as much Scriptural instruction as possible. They also have exercises in writing, arithmetic and geography.

The girls' school is growing in numbers and, as we believe, in usefulness. Thirty pupils were in attendance for most of the time during the year. About half of these were boarders. In some instances the girls who enter the school give evidence of a great want of home training, and great patience is required on the part of those who instruct them. As a rule however, the pupils have been making satisfactory progress with their studies. The Chinese christian family, who have been in charge of the school for some time past, are to leave at the end of the present term, and other arrangements have been made for the new year.

Besides teaching in the girls' school, the ladies of the Mission hold meetings with the women. Those who attend are mostly church members. Some are inquirers. Many are reached in this way, and receive a stimulus which not only makes them more intelligent hearers at the preaching services on the Sabbath, but also leads them to do more for the good of others. Their duties as christian women in the management of their families and the bringing up their children can nowhere be better explained to them than in such meetings.

This brief review of our work will, perhaps, enable you to see how far the Church at home is succeeding in her mission to China. The results are not such as we have wished and prayed for. Still we see no reason for discouragement, and the few drops of blessing keep us in mind of the abundant shower that is to come by and by.

2. THE ARCOT MISSION.

(Organized in 1854.)

The Mission occupies

The North Arcot District.—Area, 5,017 square miles ; population, 1,787,134.

The South Arcot District.—Area, 4,076 square miles ; population, 1,261,846.

The force engaged consists of

Missionaries.—Revs. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D., *Vellore* ; Jared W. Scudder, M.D., *Chittoor* ; John Scudder, M.D., *Arcot* ; E. J. Heeren, *Palamanaïr* ; Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., in Europe ; and Silas E. Scudder, M.D., in the United States.

Assistant Missionaries.—The wives of the brethren mentioned above, and Miss Martha J. Mandeville and Miss Josephine Chapin.

Native Pastors.—Revs. Andrew Sawyer and Zechariah John.

Native Helpers.—Catechists, 26 ; Assistant Catechists, 4 ; Bible Readers, 25 ; Schoolmasters, 21 ; Schoolmistresses, 12 ; Colporteurs, 22 ; Total 111.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Out-Stations.	Communicants in 1872.	Communicants in 1873.	Baptized Adults not Communicants.	Baptized Children.	Catechumens	Children of Catechumens.	Suspended.	Scholars in Vernacular Schools.	Total in Congregations, 1872.	Total in Congregations, 1873.	Contributions.
												R. A. P.
Arcot	4	68	67	45	80	48	46	2	104	300	285	177 12 4
Arnee	11	54	90	22	88	68	81	1	84	319	350	409 1 0
Aliandal .....	..	20	24	9	29	1	5	..	49	68	68	15 3 5
Chittoor [†]	8	81	87	12	88	3	3	1	....	458	458	225 13 10
Coonoor	1	67	62	41	83	6	....	2	37	195	195	131 2 8½
*Gnanodayam ..	1	52	52	....	....	1	....	..	15	116	116	36 5 0
Kattupadi .....	..	16	16	5	20	5	4	..	20	52	50	14 9 4
Kundipatoor ...	..	25	26	4	14	3	5	1	48	50	53	27 12 8
Marutavambadi ..	..	14	14	10	19	9	11	..	7	42	63	12 11 6
Modaiyur .....	..	4	8	7	6	....	....	....	..	21	21	7 12 0
*Mudnapilly ...	20	37	37	15	34	13	8	..	70	842	842	381 14 1
Orattur .....	..	37	34	4	37	19	25	3	18	122	122	22 10 10
*Palamanair ...	1	14	14	9	22	5	4	..	7	55	55	20 4 0
*Satambadi	2	40	40	....	....	20	....	..	12	76	76	28 15 0
Sekadu .....	..	28	16	2	13	3	....	7	....	60	41	19 4 4
Vellambi .....	..	36	37	2	26	2	3	4	15	81	74	13 14 11
Vellore	5	109	106	56	132	35	47	..	270	403	386	183 8 7
Total....	53	738	730	243	691	241	242	21	756	3260	3255	1728 11 6½

A Rupee is equal to about 50 cents, Gold.

The *Arcot Seminary* for boys is at Vellore, and has 46 pupils. The *Girls' Seminary* is at Chittoor, and has 54 pupils. The *Preparandi Class* is taught at Arcot, and has 27 pupils.

* No report received in time to be inserted: the figures given are those of the previous year.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

ARCOT.

Rev. John Scudder, M.D., *Missionary*; Mrs. Scudder, *Assistant Missionary*; P. Souri, Jacob Raji, *Catechists*; John Peter, Abraham Muni, *Assistant Catechists*; Gnanamanikam, Elias Isaiah, *Readers*; Yesadian, *Schoolmaster*; Martha Gnanam, *Schoolmistress*; Paul, Aaron, *Colporteurs*.

Rev. John Scudder reports :

I have very little of particular interest to report; there has been a falling off of 15 persons in this field. One village, Avereykkal, has been stricken from the list, as only one family reside there, and they are included in the congregation at Maninuttu.

In the Arcot congregation there has been an increase of seven souls. A number of families have moved away from this place, but their numbers have been more than made good by other Christian families joining us, and by additions from the heathens; the communicants remain nearly the same as in 1872, there being only one less; thirteen have been dismissed to other Churches, two suspended, and seven have died; eight have been received on confession of their faith, six on certificate, and one suspended member restored, so that the present number is sixty-seven.

The usual Sabbath services and weekly prayer meetings have been maintained; the women's meeting for prayer has also been continued, under the direction of Mrs. Scudder; nineteen adults and eighteen children have been baptized. Attendance on divine service has been good and regular, showing that the people prize this privilege. The contributions for benevolent purposes of this congregation, together with the out-stations, amounted to Rs. 174-8-7; Rs. 53 of this sum, the people gave for the support of the ministry; this is nearly four times more than they gave last year for this purpose, but their contributions to other objects have not been as large as usual. The whole congregation is catechised every Sabbath morning after service.

Out-Stations.—The congregations, both of Erantangal and Yegamoor, have decreased, but those at Kumalantangal and Maninuttu have increased; the increase in the latter place is owing to the fact that the few remaining Christians in Avereykkal are included in the

account. In all these places the people are learning more and more of the doctrines of Christianity, and are, I trust, striving to walk according to the precepts of Jesus.

Schools.—The number of Children in the boys' school is twenty-eight, and in the girls' school, nine; the latter has been only recently commenced; the girls are taught to use the needle in addition to their studies; all, both girls and boys, have progressed in their studies. Both schools are examined weekly by Mrs. Scudder. Schools are also sustained at the out-stations, but the most of them have very few scholars.

Evangelistic Work.—I have not been able to engage in touring among the heathens, as the Hospital has demanded the most of my time. Besides monthly visits to Vellore, I have only been able to visit the Christian congregations at the out-stations of both Arcot and Vellore.

Street preaching has been continued with the following results :

STATIONS.	No. of Agents.	No. of times all preached.	No. of different places.	No. of audiences.	Books.		
					Given.	Sold.	Total.
Arcot	2	725	488	20,674	100	550	650
Erantangal	1	374	374	3,354	99	...	99
Kumalantangal	1	168	168	3,501	160	...	160
Yegamoor	1	75	75	2,371	45	...	45
Hospital	2	313	313	42,705	150	...	150
Total	7	1,655	1,418	72,605	554	550	1104

ARNEE.

Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D., reports :

This year, as evinced by the statistics, closes on the whole satisfactorily; a few unimportant losses have been more than made good by additions and growth in strength. A new village, comprising six families of respectable Roman Catholics, has been added to the list of out-stations, while one of the old names has been dropped out, viz., that of Tatchambadi. This has always proved an unsatis-

factory place, and has been hitherto retained more from the reluctance to abandon an old position, than from any hopes of building much on the existing foundation.

There has been a total increase of 64 souls during the year. One large village, which for some time has been anxious to join us, and finally did so in August last, was driven back into heathenism by the threats and violence of the neighboring caste village. Houses were burned down over the heads of some of the people, and all the maledictions of which the language is capable were heaped upon them. There was not strength sufficient to breast the storm, and we were forced to withdraw, though a teacher had been sent to the village, and a school commenced. I do not, however, despair of regaining our foothold among the people; they have been long considering the question; have seen the advantages which Christianity affords among some of the neighboring villages, and have matrimonial and social relations with our congregation at Orattur. A little time will be required for the subsidence of their fears, but we look forward with prayer and hope to the day when they shall triumph over all opposition, and be numbered among the followers of the Redeemer.

Our hopes, as expressed in the report of 1872, in regard to the state of enquiry among the people, especially in the southern portion of the district, have undergone no change; the leaven is surely at work, and though not quite sufficiently lively and expansive at all times to meet our wishes and zeal, is gradually affecting the whole mass about us. Prayer and faith, with steady plodding and perseverance, will, in the not far distant future, give us the victory, and crown our hopes with joy.

While, however, we have many causes for encouragement, and even rejoicing, there is an unfailing and even depressing clog to all our enjoyment. This is the want of men to take up the work as it falls upon our hands.

It is with profound sorrow that I look upon the great field to the South, left almost helpless. Frequent visitation of the villages under our instruction is almost, nay, is an absolute necessity to their growth and maintenance. One of the most successful missionaries in Southern India has long made it a practice to visit each one of his villages once in six weeks, and he has a large number of them,

fortunately more concentrated than ours. What is the result? His congregations are healthy and strong, and an annual addition of 200 souls has been made in his district throughout an entire decade; the constant presence of a Missionary with his moral force is a great desideratum; nothing is more adapted to impart courage, and at the same time quench opposition. How is visitation to be effected in our district, and with our present missionary force? Though the Arnee territory has been divided up between Rev. John Scudder and myself, we can make only an occasional visit to each village; to reach the farthest, under my charge, I am forced to travel 70 miles and back in a direct line, and what this is, behind bullocks at two miles an hour, and at night only, an Indian traveler alone comprehends. It is not the fatigue or labor we complain or even think of, but the loss of time and the impossibility to do justice to other parts of the field, and other departments of our work.

At best we can visit our villages but twice or thrice a year. Arnee should never be left for a moment without a Missionary; but Vellore, with its Seminary and outwork, has a heavier demand upon us, and we are obliged to choose the smallest horn of the dilemma. I could write pages on this subject, and give as many cogent reasons for more Missionaries as the Admiral did for not firing a salute to his superior—the first of which was, no powder; but this is not the place for it. I only ask our Church and Board to look at the extent of our field, its population, its necessities, the number of our Christian congregations, and the missionary force we have to superintend them, to say nothing of the heathen among whom we feel conscientiously bound to labor and preach. If this will not produce the men, we can only work on in sorrowful silence, submitting to the disadvantages under which we labor.

Attached is the table of Station and Out-Station preaching, inclusive of tours taken by both Missionary and Native agents.

STATIONS AND OUT-STATIONS.	No. of times all preached.	No. of differ- ent Villages.	No. of Audiences.	No. of Tracts and Portions Distributed.
Arnee and Sevrur...	751	282	13,846	384
Pudupakam	187	22	1,966	244
Parasur.....	86	....	1,612	19
Alliandal	347	156	13,878	226
Vellambi	832	658	2,483	126
Marutavambadi....	232	180	3,052	60
Modaiyur	281	30	6,686	102
Varikkal	368	197	6,205	80
Nungattur	810	....	9,980	....
Orattur.....	189	189	3,609	60
Tindivanum	214	214	3,410	125
Total.....	4297	1928	66,727	1,426

CHITTOOR.

REV. JARED W. SCUDDER, M. D., Missionary ; MRS. SCUDDER, Assistant Missionary ; M. J. ISRAEL, V. A. ISAAC, ISAAC M. HENRY, SHADRACH, Catechists ; JOHN ABRAHAM, Ass't Catechist ; ISAAC LAZAR, T. SHADRACH, V. BASHYAM, J. SAWYER, S. TREADWELL, Readers ; MASILLAMANI, VAREES, Christian Schoolmasters ; ELIZABETH ABRAHAM, Christian Schoolmistress ; ALEXANDER, MUTTAN DANIEL, Colporteurs.

REV. DR. J. W. SCUDDER reports : During the year, nine persons were received into the church, seven of them on confession of their faith and two by certificate. Two communicants were dismissed to other churches. The members, at the present writing, number eighty-seven, showing an increase of six during the twelvemonth. Six adult heathen and thirteen Christian children were baptized.

On the 2d of November, I had the privilege of baptizing an entire family of good caste (Kavarais), consisting of a man, his wife and four children. This is, I believe, the first instance in our Mission of a whole caste family coming together to Christianity. Their conversion was the direct result of village preaching. This case, as well as that of an old woman of the oilman caste who received baptism on the same day, was peculiarly interesting. But as a detailed account of both cases has already been sent to the Secretary of the Board, I will not repeat it here.

Two Sabbath services and four weekly prayer-meetings, three of them general and one exclusively for women, have been kept up throughout the year. Attendance on divine worship has been regular, and the conduct of the people, with but small exception, such as to give satisfaction and encouragement to their pastor.

The contributions of the people, for the year have been as follows:

	Rs.	A.	P
Subscriptions for support of pastor.....	59	0	6
Sabbath morning collections.....	57	15	2
Monthly concert collections.....	15	1	2
Communion collections.....	17	5	0
Subscriptions to Sahodara Sangam.	51	8	6
Seminary girls' special contribution.....	24	15	6
Total.....	225	13	10

This total exhibits a considerable falling off from that of 1872. The deficiency is owing to the permanent absence throughout the year of a wealthy member, and not to any general decadence of liberality on the part of the church. The members present have given as they were able from their poverty, and are worthy of commendation.

Evangelistic Work.—The annexed table shows the statistics of this work for the year:

	Addresses.	Audiences.	Books.
Chittoor.....	1,048	65,814	525
Bomma Samudram....	268	10,266	161
Basapalli	200	2,440	23
Kottapalli.....	234	5,703	216
Marakkalkuppam	143	4,362	38
Timsanpalli.....	247	4,561	118
Total.....	2,140	93,146	1,081

Owing to adverse circumstances, we have accomplished but little strictly itinerating work this year. The gospel has nevertheless been systematically preached in and about the station and out-stations with the above results. Of the 93,146 hearers, 25,359, or more than a quarter, were females. This does not establish the oft-reiterated cry, that street-preaching fails entirely in reaching the weaker sex.

Out-Stations.—I give in tabular form the present status of the village congregations :

	Females.	Adults.	Children.	Totals.
Basapalli.....	5	10	6	16
Bomma Samudram.....	5	10	11	21
Kottapalli.....	30	64	38	132
Marakkalkuppam.....	10	29	19	48
Timsanpalli.....	6	13	11	24
Kotta Ramapuram.....	8	17	17	34
Narak Ramapuram.....	2	4	2	6
Timmaipalli.....	2	4	7	11
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Total	68	151	141	292

In six of these out-stations, catechists and readers have resided and taught the people. The remaining two have been only visited from time to time, the number of adherents in them being too small to warrant the residence of a native helper. Vernacular schools were kept open in five villages, with not very satisfactory results. Among the most discouraging features of our village work is the indifference manifested by the people regarding the education of their children. In this, as in all respects, they must be patiently trained to higher views. The adherents, in some villages, attend divine service regularly, and are tolerably amenable to discipline ; in others, many absent themselves under various pretexts. Yet even these irregulars persistently decline being called by any other name than Christian, and stoutly refuse to be remanded to heathenism. We can only persevere in our efforts to make their profession and their practice gradually less discordant.

In Kottapalli, I had the privilege of baptizing one family in October last. Quite a number of others presented themselves as candidates for the ordinance, but were advised to wait until they had acquired a more complete mastery over only partially conquered heathenish habits of speech and action. Many of them are, I believe, sincerely striving after reform, and we bid them hope for ultimate success. In the villages occupied by native helpers, small sums have been contributed to pastoral support and other objects, amounting in all to Rs. 8-9-7. The loss of adherents, during the year, was twenty-three, and the gain forty, giving a nett gain of seventeen souls.

Vernacular Schools.—Of these, there are three in Chittoor, two for boys and one for girls. They number, respectively, thirty-six, fifteen and twenty-one scholars. Mrs. Scudder has examined each of them once a week, and reports their condition as being satisfactory and encouraging. Many little heathen boys and girls are, through this humble instrumentality, gaining a knowledge of the Bible, and the way of salvation through Jesus Christ.

COONOR.

Rev. John Zechariah, *Native Pastor*; Samson Samuel, *Catechist*; Nathaniel Francis, *Schoolmaster*.

Rev. John Zechariah reports: In 1872 there were fifty-six communicants, of these four have gone to other places, two have died leaving the present number fifty. Non-communicants in 1872 numbered thirty-eight. Two have been added this year and one has left, so that the present number is thirty-nine. Baptized children in 1872, numbered sixty-six. This year six have been baptized, three have come in, five have left, and the present number is seventy.

The Lord's Supper has been celebrated six times. Sabbath morning and evening services have been held regularly. During the first part of the year I was able to perform my usual work visiting among the congregation, and preaching to the heathen, but for several months, lately, I have been constantly ill and able to attend to little more than the Sabbath services. Now by the grace of God, I am better, and have resumed my accustomed labors. The Station Catechist has performed his duties faithfully.

It grieves me much to record here the growing coldness and want of faith in the Lord Jesus of many of our people. Although there are fifty communicants, sometimes only thirty, eighteen, and once thirteen, have attended to partake of the Lord's Supper. Not only this, I have heard and seen, that nearly all the people make use of intoxicating drinks. Concerning this evil I have not only reasoned with and advised them privately, but have constantly preached against it on the Sabbath. My counsels are rejected sometimes with scorn and abuse. What can I do? Earnestly desiring the salvation of their souls, I still labor with them, entreating the Lord to deliver them from the dominion of this sin.

The contributions have been a little more than 86 Rupees towards the support of the pastor, and 44 Rupees at the weekly and sacramental collections.

We have lately opened an Anglo-vernacular school, in which thirty-seven pupils are studying. The teacher is very diligent and energetic, and makes every effort for the improvement of the pupils. I superintend and assist in the instruction of the school.

Kotagiri, Out-Station. Johnson, *Catechist.* The congregation is the same as last year. One person has been added to the number of communicants, and two children have been baptized. From ill-health I have been unable to visit this place more than three times during the year.

GNANODIAM.

Rev. Andrew Sawyer, *Native Pastor*: Sourippan, *Reader*; David, *Schoolmaster*: Arluandu, *Colporteur*.

Rev Andrew Sawyer reports:

The congregations of Gnanodiam and Arulnadu, number 114, of whom 48 are communicants. Seven children have been baptized this year. Morning and evening services are held each Sabbath. The Lord's Supper is administered once in two months. Daily prayer meetings are attended by the Christians. The Gospel is preached in the surrounding heathen villages. Fifteen children attend the school, which is examined every Friday.

Mrs. Andrew Sawyer conducts a prayer meeting, each morning, for the women, when they are instructed in the Catechism, in the truths of the Gospel, and in Sacred Song. The women have been greatly benefited by these instructions. May the Lord bless this work more and more. Mrs. S. also visits Arulnadu once a week, to meet and pray with the women.

The people of Gnanodiam and Arulnadu grow in faith and knowledge daily. On Sunday mornings, at 8 o'clock, they meet together in the Gnanodiam Church for Divine service, and, after the service, they question one another concerning the sermon they have heard. In the afternoon I explain the Heidelberg Catechism, to which also, they listen attentively and intelligently. On the Holy Sabbath they indulge neither in work, nor traffic, nor traveling, nor any other unsuitable employment, but pass the day profitably in attend-

ing Church, in social worship and in hearing and learning God's Word. They have studied twice through both the First Catechism and the Sweet Savors of Divine Truth, and are now beginning them the third time. Thus these uneducated people, by their desire to learn, and their correct conduct, set an example which it would be well if all Christians would follow.

According to their ability they contribute to benevolent objects.

The sums given this year are as follows :

	R.	A.	P.
For support of the Ministry.....	3	5	5
Monthly Concert.....	2	3	2
Church Collections.....	11	2	3
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Total	16	10	10

In the heathen villages about us, we are now received very kindly. They acknowledge there is but one God—Oh, that they would receive Christ as their Saviour! I have also made some tours among the more distant villages, accompanied by Catechists and other helpers, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ among those who are sunk in the depths of ignorance and sin, teaching them that Christ is truly God, and the only Saviour of sinners. Sometimes we meet with opposition and abuse, but this we can bear patiently for the sake of Him whose name we preach. May the Lord open the eyes of their mind, and lead them by His Holy Spirit into all truth. We have preached in 158 villages. The number who have heard us are 8,639, of whom 3,581 were women, and 252 books were distributed.

SATTAMBADI.

Samuel Sawyer, *Catechist*; Mrs. S. Sawyer, *Schoolmistress*; Christian Daniel and K. Zechariah, *Schoolmasters*.

Samuel Sawyer reports :

The congregations of Sattambadi, including Siruthalambundy and Periantangle, number eighty; of these forty are communicants. Two children have been baptized this year.

Sabbath services are held morning and evening in Sattambadi Church, at which times the people regularly assemble for worship, and after service attend a catechetical exercise, studying the Catechisms and Bible History.

On other days the people have prayer meetings at their houses in turn. Wednesday morning the Catechist's wife holds a meeting for the women. Some of the women of the congregation also conduct a meeting among themselves. Both men and women show great zeal in the Lord's work, telling their heathen neighbors of salvation through Christ, and the way to attain eternal happiness. This I testify from personal knowledge.

Morning and evening prayers are conducted daily by the catechist. The communion is administered by Rev. A. Sawyer, once in two months. The school children are examined every Saturday. On other days we go to the surrounding villages to Preach. The heathens hear us attentively.

The people contribute cheerfully to benevolent objects according to their ability. Though they are poor, they give of the products of their land. I hope they will continue to grow in this and all good graces.

May the Lord pour out His Spirit upon these Churches that they may increase more and more, and attain a share in the triumph of our gracious Saviour, Jesus Christ.

MUDNAPILLY AND PALAMANAIR.

No report received.

VELLORE.

Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D., *Missionary*; Mrs. Scudder, Miss Martha, J. Mandeville, and Miss Josephine Chapin, *Assistant Missionaries*.

P. Jaganadan, A. Masillamini, V. Samuel, V. Yesadian, Abraham William, *Catechists*; Israel Andrew, A. Solomon, Christian Samuel, D. A. Masillamini, *Readers*; Abraham, Madurai, John Moses, *Schoolmistress*; Fanny, Mary, S. Mary, *Schoolmistresses*; Moses, Munien, Rungian, *Colporteurs*; Rebecca, *Bible Reader*.

The Rev. John Scudder, M.D., reports:

The Vellore Station has been under my care the most of the year, but I have only been able to visit it once a month.

The congregation numbers 20 less than it did in 1872, and the number of communicants is 6 less. 26 persons have been dis-

missed to other Churches, and 3 have died. 19 have been received on certificate, and 4 on confession; making the present number of communicants 76. 11 infants and 5 adults have been baptised.

This congregation, together with the congregations at the Out Stations, have contributed Rs. 245-2-11, for benevolent purposes; Rs. 68-11-0 of this sum was given for the support of the Ministry.

The usual services and prayer meetings have been maintained, and the whole congregation is catechised after Sabbath morning service. Whenever I have been present, the attendance on Divine service has been good, and I understand it has been also good at other times.

The interests of this Station have sadly suffered from the want of a resident Missionary, but I am glad to state, that this want has been supplied, as the Rev. E. C. Scudder, at the request of the Mission, removed here from Arnee, in October last, and will occupy this as his station in the future.

Vernacular Schools.—These schools, one for boys and one for girls, have been continued during the year. The former has 35 scholars and the latter 25. They are examined weekly by Miss Mandeville and Miss Chapin.

In addition to these, three girls schools have been maintained by them among the higher classes of the heathens. One of these has been newly established during the year. The number of scholars in all amounts to 159.

Out Stations.—The congregations in four places have slightly increased in numbers, but in the remaining four they have decreased. The falling off in scholars has been 19. This is owing to the withdrawal of three families from the Church. They quarreled with the other members of the congregation and refused to worship any longer with them. Their conduct was such that we were compelled to suspend 7 of them from the communion. Every effort has been made to effect a reconciliation, but thus far in vain; still we are led to hope it may be accomplished at no distant date.

Vernacular schools are maintained at most of these Stations. The one at Kandiputter has 48 scholars, and is the most encouraging of them all. Christianity has been established the longest in this village, and one of its effects is shown by the desire of the

people to educate their children. We trust that a similar effect will be produced in all the other stations, as they learn more and more of Christianity.

Evangelistic Work.—The helpers have made 13 tours among the heathen. They were out 215 days, and preached 749 times in 735 different places, to 29,252 persons. 482 tracts were distributed. 180 of these were sold, and the rest given gratuitously.

Street preaching has also been maintained. The following are the statistics :

STATIONS AND OUT STATIONS.	No. of Agents.	No. of times all preached.	No. of different Places.	No. of Audiences.	No. of Books Distributed.
Vellore	1	1082	1082	23825	499
Kattupadi	1	486	486	11852	96
Kandiputtur	1	211	200	3883	72
Sekadu	1	184	184	2325	47
Vennampilli	1	450	400	7237	104
Ondrantangal	1	257	257	3659	.....
Karasamangalam ...	1	303	303	7405	64
Tondantulasi	1	257	257	2106	.....
Karibiri	1	283	283	6238	36
Total	9	3513	3452	68530	918

THE PREPARANDI SCHOOL.

Rev John Scudder, M.D. reports :

The present number of scholars is twenty-seven, being three more than last year. A class of boys, numbering six, was transferred to the Seminary at Vellore, in January. Sixteen new scholars have been received. Five have left the school to return to their homes, and two have been dismissed for bad conduct. The uniformly good conduct of the rest has pleased us. They have been diligent in their studies, and have made a progress in their lessons which is commendable to themselves and creditable to their teachers. Mrs. Scudder examines and instructs each class thoroughly once every week. It has been my privilege to baptise eight, and to admit four of them to the communion of the Church.

THE ARCOT SEMINARY AT VELLORE.

Moses Nathaniel, Zachariah Appavu, *Teachers*; Sami Sastri, *Sanscrit and Telugu Munshi*.

The Rev. John Scudder, M.D., reports :

The present number of scholars is forty-six. Several new lads have been received during the year. Four of the first class boys were sent out during the year; and two of them are now employed as Readers in the Mudnapilly field. One lad, after a long illness died, and we trust has gone to a better land.

This institution has greatly felt the need of the superintendence of a Missionary, but this need was partly supplied by Miss Chapin and Miss Mandeville, who have taken a great interest in the school, and have given as much of their time as they could spare from their other duties, in caring for and instructing the scholars.

We have not as yet been able to secure a competent Head Master, but notwithstanding all these drawbacks, most of the boys have made a better progress in their studies than we could have expected; a progress which is commendable to themselves, and which shows that their teachers must have been faithful in the discharge of their duties.

THE GIRLS' SEMINARY AT CHITTOOR.

Mrs. JARED W. SCUDDER, in Charge; Mrs. LACKEY, Matron; ISAAC HENRY, JOHN ABRAHAM, Teachers.

Rev. J. W. Scudder, M. D., reports :

I have nothing of special interest to report about this institution. It has, by God's blessing, prospered in all respects during the period under survey. Good health, good conduct, and faithfulness both of teachers and pupils, have rendered us happy in superintending it. The girls have made creditable progress in study, and passed satisfactory examinations at the close of the year. Four of the maturer pupils were married in March to graduated students of the Arcot Seminary, and are now, with their husbands, serving the Master in the Mission field. Special attention is given to training the girls to proficiency in domestic duties, needlework, crochet, &c. No pains are spared to fit them for the humble, but not unimportant, sphere which they are to occupy. Above all, every effort is used to ground

them thoroughly, not only in the doctrines but in the practice of a pure Christianity.

The sale of crotchet work done by the scholars has realized Rs. 250-0 0. In addition to this, the girls have, by voluntarily denying themselves a small portion of their daily allowance of food, collected Rs. 90-13-10. This sum has been appropriated, according to their expressed wish, partly for the support of a catechist, and partly for the relief of needy Christians. The present number of boarders is fifty-four.

THE DISPENSARY AND HOSPITAL.

Rev. John Scudder, M. D., reports :

The Dispensary and Hospital work has been maintained throughout the year with increased success. The patients are from all castes, the highest as well as the lowest seek our aid, both as *in* and *out* patients. One of our former students has treated about 700 cases in the village where he resides, and has thus been the means of relieving a good deal of suffering. The serious cases he brings to the Hospital.

The following are the statistics of the numbers treated :

Number of Out-patients.....	6,983
“ In-patients.....	299
Total....	<u>7,282</u>

This is an increase of more than 2,500 over last year.

The daily attendance has averaged 117, so that the whole number of persons treated daily amounts to 42,705.

The total number of days the *in*-patients were dieted amounts to 7,265. Quite a number of the *in*-patients dieted themselves and are not included in the last figures. There have been 537 operations, many of them minor, but there have also been quite a number of a serious character.

Funds have been kindly furnished me by the Local Boards to carry on this work, or we should not have been able to continue it so extensively.

The Gospel is preached every morning before medicines are given, and books are presented to those who desire them. We use no compulsion in the matter. All are invited to listen ; if they do

not wish to hear, they are at perfect liberty to retire beyond the sound of the preacher's voice ; still I know of no person who has thus retired. All seem to listen to the story of the Cross willingly and with interest, and we hope it may be with benefit.

3. THE JAPAN MISSION.

(Organised in 1859.)

Missionaries at Yokohama, Revs. S. R. Brown, D. D., J. H. Ballagh; *Assistant Missionaries*, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Ballagh, Mrs. Mary E. Miller, and Miss S. K. M. Hequembourg, at present in this country.

At Yedo, Rev. G. F. Verbeck; *Assistant Missionary*, Mrs. Verbeck.

At Nagasaki, Revs. Henry Stout, C. H. H. Wolff; *Assistant Missionaries*, Mrs. Stout, and Mrs. Wolff.

Rev. Dr. Brown was engaged in teaching the Government School until the 1st of September, and since that day has taught a private school. He has been occupied during the entire year upon the translation of the Scriptures into Japanese, and has been selected as the President of the Board of Translators. Since soon after the first of January he has instructed the young men who had been chosen by the native Church as proper persons to be prepared for the work of Evangelists.

Rev. Mr. Verbeck, by a decree of the Government excluding all clergymen from employment as teachers, was deprived, on September 1st, of the position he had so efficiently filled at the head of the National College in Yedo. Since that time he has been connected with a corps of translators, who translate various useful books into Japanese, for publication at the expense of the Government, and also with a kind of legislative Committee for consultation.

Rev. C. H. H. Wolff continued to teach a Government school at Hirosaki, in the extreme north of Nippon, until the latter part of December. The people of the locality were very anxious that he should remain with them, but the decree of the Government already mentioned made it impossible. Mr. Wolff had the privilege of teaching an interesting Bible Class composed of young men. In January, he proceeded to Nagasaki to coöperate in the work of Mr. Stout.

NAGASAKI.

Rev. Henry Stout presents the following report for the year ending on December 31st, 1873 :

The year 1873 was the fifth of our residence at this place, but the first that has been spent in direct missionary labor. While engaged in the Government school, frequent opportunities to recommend the gospel were enjoyed, but it was not till August of 1872, that two men could be induced to come together to engage regularly in the study of the truth. Since that time there have been constantly increasing opportunities for missionary labor. However, the way does not yet seem open for going out to the people to preach. A prejudice against Christianity, deep seated and of long standing, is a great impediment. Besides, the people remember well the persecutions they have witnessed, and although the attitude of the Government of the present time seems lenient, it is changeable, and they do not know what to expect. It is because of this state of things, that in common with most missionaries in Japan, I have employed what time could be spared to giving instruction to young men in English. This method facilitates the formation of Bible classes.

At the first of the year, having been invited to do so, my wife and I were engaged in teaching a school in the city, of about fifty girls and thirty boys and young men. In the school secular studies only were taught, but many of the young men came every night to our house to read the Bible. And we thought the way was clear for the establishment of a thorough Christian school. When the edicts against Christianity were removed, and reports that Christianity was tolerated were heard, we thought the time had come to make it such, and the Bible was introduced. But some of the patrons being excited in opposition, the school was broken up. However, no one was molested, and about half of the young men came begging me to continue teaching them. Some of the girls also made the same request of my wife. So the schools went on at our house with about a dozen young men and ten girls.

Shortly after this change, which occurred in the Spring, in connection with my successor in the Government school, we opened a Sunday-school, which was attended by a good number of young men.

Finding the accommodations of our house too limited, and a place for meeting and school only being more desirable, through the benevolence of a friend a school-house was built, which was completed in June, and we have had Sunday and day school in it ever since. On the first Sunday in October preaching was commenced in the same place in the morning, which also is continued. The place for a school could not be better located, but as a place for preaching it is not so good, for it is upon a bluff nearly one hundred feet high, and so but few come in except those who have some special reasons for doing so. About twenty people have heard the gospel; some of them twice regularly every Sabbath for several months.

My daily work consists of the continued study of the language and preparation for preaching in the morning; and giving instruction to two classes—one of thirteen boys and young men—in the afternoon, in the elements of English and the Bible; the other of five young men, who besides the Bible study some more advanced branches of English in the evening. About two hours a day are devoted to each class, half of which time is spent in Bible study. For the service thus rendered the scholars, except a few, pay each one dollar a month. It is the experience of those who teach in this way, that pupils do better when paying for their tuition. It is an interesting fact that the sons of two of the men who were chiefly instrumental in breaking up our work in the city, are again in the school.

In order to facilitate education and to have young men under more direct Christian influence, a boarding-house has been put up on the mission grounds, which will accommodate sixteen men. It will be ready for occupation by the first of February. If no assistance be received, it will be paid for by tuition fees.

On the first Sunday in September it was my privilege to baptize three men, who had been studying with me for about a year. They have since continued steadfast, and their walk and conversation have been such as to recommend their faith to others. Two of them have decided to devote themselves to preaching the gospel, and will study with that end in view. One of them to do this has given up an appointment that promised competence and position. Others of the school are interested in the truth, and there is reason to believe some are not far from the kingdom of God.

Soon after the three men had made their first verbal confession of faith, we commenced a regular Saturday evening prayer-meeting, which has been kept up ever since. They have grown in the gift and grace of prayer, and the place has become attractive to others. At the present writing we are observing the Week of Prayer, and a goodly number are present, both foreigners and natives. The exercises are part in English and part in Japanese. These young men and one other, who was baptized by a Church of England missionary, and who has since suffered in prison for his faith, stand up boldly and recommend the religion of the Cross to their friends, and pray earnestly for the coming of Christ's kingdom.

It is a pleasure to record that many friends, residents and travelers, have shown a lively interest in our work, and by their presence and gifts have stayed up our hands. We have received, besides minor gifts, funds to build the school-house, a harmonium, and a library of one hundred volumes. These books are read by some with pleasure, and as English will become better understood, they will be more and more useful.

In conclusion I may say, that the future is hopeful. A beginning has been made. A year has wrought great changes. It is significant that not twenty yards from the place where a year ago the edict against Christianity hung up to warn and threaten people, now every Sunday a notice is hung out to invite people to come and hear the way of life. Men and women come and meet together without suspicion, and go, and none are molested. The revision of the treaties at this time is a subject of some anxiety, and some of the changes that have occurred in the country look unfavorable. But by the grace of God the foundations of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ are being laid, and we know that the Master Builder will not allow the superstructure to be wanting.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Mrs. Mary E. Miller has continued to conduct this interesting institution. Miss Hequembourg's health failed in September, and after remaining a few months at Yokohama in the hope that her sickness might be removed, she was compelled to return to the United States. The importance of the school remains undiminished. Two of the girls have become connected with the native

Church by a profession of their faith. Early in the year an appeal was made to the ladies of the Churches at home and the Sabbath-schools for \$5,000, with which to erect a building for this school, of this amount about \$3,000 have been received. It is very desirable that the remaining \$2,000 be furnished as soon as possible. It is also necessary to the efficiency of this extremely important seminary that two ladies be sent to assist Mrs. Miller in the work of instruction.

THE CHURCH AT YOKOHAMA.

The Rev. James H. Ballagh has acted as the pastor of the native "Church of our Lord Jesus Christ." No annual report has been received, and had one been furnished it could not be presented here, for the Church is neither under the care of the Board nor connected in any degree with the Reformed Church. From the correspondence of Mr. Ballagh we have learned that additions to the membership have been received at nearly every communion season, and that the Church has been distinguished for a careful conformity to the requirements of the Word of God, for prayerfulness, earnestness, and constant activity. The Elders have taken a prominent part in the services at Yokohama, and have made preaching tours into the adjacent country, where they have been received kindly and heard attentively.

The desire of the Church to extend the knowledge of the truth led it to conclude to select a number of young men, who should be prepared for evangelistic work, and become native pastors as they might prove to be qualified for the position. Eleven young men were selected after special prayer for Divine direction had been offered. The Board was requested to aid in the support of these brethren that they might devote themselves to study. The Board resolved to appropriate \$150 a year to each of five persons who should be selected by the Mission. Two young men were provided for by their friends, the remaining nine concluded to divide among themselves the grant of the Board and earn in any possible proper way whatever besides might be necessary to their support.

Early in the year the Board expressed to the Mission its disapprobation of the nature of the organization made at Yokohama. The reply has been that no other was or is possible. Your Board,

however, cannot continue to assist this Church, and to multiply such organizations, for it is highly probable that the number will increase, without authority from the General Synod. The Board can sanction only the formation of Churches adopting the Creed, and as far as possible the Constitution of the Reformed Church. But this Church is not a Reformed Church, and has no ecclesiastical connection with any of the Churches of our land. It is the Church of Christ in Japan, in common talk called the "United Church." Soon after its organization, on the 10th of March, 1872, a Creed and Rules of order were formed and adopted by the members of the Church. Subsequently the doctrinal basis of the Evangelical Alliance was adopted as the Creed of the Church, and recently the Board has been informed that a meeting was to be held for the revision of the Creed and Rules of Order. The officers of the Church are Elders and Deacons, chosen by the members. The Creed adopted at the beginning was defective but thoroughly evangelical. The Rules of Order are mainly a repetition of a promise to love one another, and a promise to submit to the authority of the Church. This Church, so unique in many of its features, is, so far as man can judge, a thoroughly christian body, unusually intelligent, unusually devoted to the study of the Scriptures, remarkable for the attendance upon the prayer meetings and the earnestness of the prayers offered, and also distinguished by an incessant, bold christian activity. It may become the National Christian Church of Japan, or it may be paralyzed and destroyed through the want of a more comprehensive Creed and a more complete constitution. Such as it is, it is preferred by the Japanese. It is also claimed that this Independent and National Church will be regarded with more favor by the Government than if it should be conformed to, connected with, and subject to a foreign organization. This Church has requested a christian Japanese student, now pursuing his studies in this country, to become its pastor. He is not connected with the Reformed Church, nor is it probable that he will be. The Board cannot go on and assist this Church in Japan without the permission of the General Synod. And the directions of the Synod in regard to this matter are hereby respectfully solicited.

4 INDIAN AGENCIES.

The Agencies under the superintendence of the Board are as follows :

Gila River Reservation of Pimos and Maricopas, numbering about 5,000; J. H. Stout, *Agent*; — Cook, *Teacher*; employed by the government. Two schools, average attendance sixty boys and sixty girls. The Indians on this Reserve, who have been for many years among the best farmers in the territory, are becoming indolent, immoral, vicious and troublesome, because the river, which is their only reliance for water for irrigation, is diverted before it reaches them by the whites who live above them at the forks. It is proposed to remove them to the Indian territory. The Agent and Pimos and Maricopas earnestly desire two additional schools. There are not less than two thousand Indian children on the Reserve.

Colorado River Reservation, inhabited by Mohaves, Cocopahs, Yumas, Chimehuevais, Hualapais, numbering in all about 1,500; J. A. Tonner, M. D. *Agent*; — Janvier, *Teacher*, supported by the Government. The irrigating canal on the Reserve has been lengthened, and the area of cultivated land has been increased. The Indians are becoming more and more industrious, and more desirous to practice the customs of civilized life.

Rio Verde Reservation for Apachés, Apaché Yumas, and Apaché Mohaves, numbering 2,058; J. Williams, M. D., *Agent*. These Indians have been very much unsettled. At one time two thousand were on the Reserve, at another less than five hundred. During the latter part of the year they have become more quiet and begun to cultivate the land. An irrigating canal has been partly constructed.

Camp Apaché Reservation assigned to the White Mountain or Coyatero Apachés, numbering 1,514; James E. Roberts, *Agent*. These Indians have been quiet and contented, and have cultivated about 500 acres of land. They are ready to receive a teacher or missionary.

San Carlos Reservation, inhabited by Pinal and Aravaipa Apachés, and Tontos, about 1,300 in number; John P. Clum, *Agent*. Those Indians were discontented and turbulent at the beginning of the year, but have become quiet and engaged in the cultivation of the soil.

The tribes mentioned above, comprising 11,372 immortal souls, covered with gross darkness, perishing in ignorance and sin, living upon our national territory, have been during another twelve-month before the Reformed Churches of our communion, and not a dollar has been given to furnish them with instruction, and no man or woman has expressed a willingness to go to teach them.

III. CONCLUSION.

An Annual Report necessarily consists to a large extent of statistics and dry details and affords but a narrow opportunity for such incidents and appeals as touch and move the heart while they enlighten the understanding. And in these few closing sentences we cannot present this great matter as it deserves and as we desire. We can only entreat the pastors and churches to consider the necessity and the power of prayer in connection with this christian undertaking. The work is the Lord's. He originates it. He calls us to it. He opens the way before us, and by His blessing alone do we enjoy success. He gives us His presence and blessing in answer to prayer. Look over the whole field of Foreign Missions and recall its history, and can any one fail to see the close connection between the progress of the work abroad and the Monthly Concert of Prayer at home! Has not every step in advance been an answer to prayer? How ready the Lord has been to hear, and to relieve and prosper! How great and wonderful the changes over the whole earth, on the continents, on the islands of the sea, during the half century in which the Monthly Concert has been maintained! Are there not reasons innumerable why, in every Church, at least one prayer meeting in every month should be devoted to earnest supplications for a blessing upon the Missions to the heathen?

The part entrusted to us can be performed only by Divine help granted in answer to prayer. We need consecrated men and women, attractive, invincible, and irresistible by the indwelling of the Spirit of Christ. Our Master tells us to pray to the Lord of the harvest, and they will be given to us. We need a more willing spirit in the membership of our Churches that will more liberally sustain the agencies now employed and enable us to enter the wide field awaiting our attention. Our Lord alone can give this spirit.

The men and women who have gone forth in our name give each year a knowledge of the vital truths of revelation to tens of thousands of souls. This instruction can be made efficient unto salvation only by the power of the Holy Spirit given in answer to prayer. Our hope is that the prayers of the children of God for the millions committed to our care will be more earnest and more importunate.

The term of office of the following members of the Board will expire when their places are filled by the General Synod:

Rev. Henry N. Cobb,	Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D. D.
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“ A. P. Van Gieson, D. D.,	Mr. Garret I. Blauvelt.
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“ Joseph Scudder, D. D.,	“ James A. Williamson.
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“ John Forsyth, D. D.,	“ Jacob L. Sutphen.
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Adopted May 13th, 1874.

J. M. FERRIS,

Corresponding Secretary.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

	CHINA.	INDIA.	JAPAN.	TOTAL.
Stations.....	1	8	2	11
Out-Stations.....	8	53	.....	61
Missionaries.....	3	5	5	13
Assistant Missionaries.....	4	7	6	17
Native Ministers.....	3	2	.....	5
Catechists or Preachers.....	10	26	2	38
Assistant Catechists.....	.....	4	.....	4
Bible Readers.....	.....	25	.....	25
Schoolmasters.....	5	25	.....	30
Schoolmistresses.....	.....	12	.....	12
Colporteurs.....	.....	22	.....	22
Academies.....	.....	2	.....	2
Academies, Scholars in.....	.....	100	.....	100
Day Schools.....	5	40	2	47
Day Schools, Scholars in.....	96	756	70	922
Theologic 1 Students.....	7	.....	9	16
Churches.....	7	17	1	25
Communicants.....	540	730	53	1,323
Dispensaries, with beds.....	1	2	.....	3
Patients treated in 1873.....	5,000	7,282	.....	12,282

TABULAR VIEW OF RECEIPTS

FROM

Churches, Sabbath Schools and Individuals.

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL.
Classis of Albany.				
New Baltimore.....	\$112 19	\$77 95	.....	\$190 14
First Bethlehem.....	72 14	21 75	.....	93 89
Second Albany.....	238 57	78	.....	316 57
First Albany.....	318 88	.....	\$600	918 38
Union Church.....	10	.....	.....	10
Clarksville.....	4 75	.....	.....	4 75
New Salem.....	.....	23 25	.....	23 25
Jerusalem.....	5	.....	.....	5
Onisquethaw.....	4	.....	.....	4
Second Bethlehem.....	40 10	.....	.....	40 10
Westerlo.....	40	7 11	.....	47 11
Third Albany.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fourth Albany.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holland, Albany.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Berne.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coeymans.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knox.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Bergen.				
English Neighborhood.....	40	25	22	87
First Hackensack.....	555	25	.....	580
German, Hoboken.....	28 71	.....	.....	28 71
Palisades.....	24 43	19 79	.....	44 22
Second Hackensack.....	25 21	.....	.....	25 21
Park Church, Jersey City.....	88 92	.....	.....	88 92
New Durham.....	116	.....	.....	116
First Hoboken.....	10 10	.....	.....	10 10
Closter.....	7 50	.....	.....	7 50
Schraalenberg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Bergen.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
German, Hackensack.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Guttenberg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Ave., Jersey City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL.
South Classis of Bergen.				
Bayonne	\$10 89	.....	.....	\$10 89
Bergen	458 31	\$78 84	\$50	587 15
First Van Vorst	59 72	75	.....	134 72
Lafayette	249	35 78	34 50	319 28
Bergen Point	125	50	3	178
Second Hudson City	16	.....	.....	16
West End, Jersey City .....	.....	5	.....	5
First Jersey City	52 95	.....	.....	52 95
Greenville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Free Jersey City .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third Bayonne .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Cayuga.				
Chittenango	14 94	74 94	.....	89 88
Naumburgh	6 20	.....	.....	6 20
Owasco Outlet	28 57	.....	25	53 57
Utica	871 79	15	10	896 79
Syracuse	147 69	.....	.....	147 69
New Bremen	3	.....	.....	3
Owasco	62 52	.....	10 50	73 02
Canastota .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cicero .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lysander .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thousand Isles .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Leyden .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Grand River.				
Spring Lake	15 42	.....	.....	\$15 42
Polkton	8	.....	.....	8
Classis of Geneva.				
Rochester	55	20	.....	75
Fair Haven	15	19 40	.....	34 40
Marion	16 34	.....	.....	16 34
Farmer Village	37 50	.....	10	47 50
Ithaca .....	.....	.....	15	15
Pultneyville	5 50	.....	.....	5 50
Tyre	6	19 40	.....	25 40
Cleveland	15 12	.....	.....	15 12
Mina	17	6	.....	23
Lodi	57 17	.....	.....	57 17
Clymer	24	.....	.....	24
Geneva	46 25	.....	.....	46 25
Dunkirk	4	.....	.....	4
Arcadia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clymer Village .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cato .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Williamson .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caroline .....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDU'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Greene.				
First Coxsackie	\$31 74	\$17 95	.....	\$49 69
Second Coxsackie.....	90 83	19 59	.....	110 42
First Athens	30	.....	.....	30
Kiskatom	23	7	.....	30
Leeds.....	30	.....	\$50	80
Second Athens.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catskill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moresville and Gilboa .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prattsville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roxbury.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Holland.				
Vriesland	82 32	.....	.....	82 32
Drentha .....	.....	.....	5	5
Ebenezer.....	8 42	.....	.....	8 42
First Holland.....	60	.....	.....	60
Third Holland	23 13	.....	.....	23 13
Classis of Hudson.				
Greenport.....	40	.....	.....	40
Claverack.....	157 46	.....	.....	157 46
First Hudson	394 52	120	.....	514 52
Upper Red Hook	39 08	37 50	.....	76 58
Germantown	29 53	.....	.....	29 53
Greenbush.....	42 90	7 20	.....	50 10
Linlithgo.....	6 75	.....	.....	6 75
Second Claverack	116 84	63 29	.....	180 13
Taghkanic	17	.....	.....	17
Livingston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Illinois.				
Spring Lake.....	7	.....	.....	7
Fair View.....	53 26	115 45	5	173 71
Raritan.....	20	.....	.....	20
First Pella.....	15 20	.....	.....	15 20
Bushnell.....	46 95	.....	.....	46 95
Davenport.....	20	.....	.....	20
Third Pella.....	80	.....	.....	80
Somerset.....	5	5	.....	10
American, Chicago	89 28	.....	.....	89 28
Pekin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Havana.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Pella .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leyden Centre.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third Pella .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fourth Pella.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Otley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orange City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norris .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norwood Park .....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL
Classis of Kingston.				
Rochester.....	\$40 15	.....	.....	\$40 15
New Paltz.....	183 37	\$70	\$26	279 37
Stone Ridge.....	17 55	.....	.....	17 55
Clove.....	27 11	31	.....	58 11
Second Kingston.....	88 91	125	.....	213 91
Hurley.....	65 74	50	.....	115 74
Morth Marbletown.....	20 54	71 75	.....	92 29
Rosendale.....	14	.....	.....	14
Bloomington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dashville Falls.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Guilford.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Samsonville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Remy.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Classis of Long Island.				
East Williamsburgh.....	.....	45 32	.....	45 32
Oyster Bay.....	35 24	10 50	.....	45 74
Sayville.....	8	.....	.....	8
Astoria.....	60 63	104 63	50	215 26
Bedford Avenue.....	50 03	.....	.....	50 03
Flushing.....	53	40	.....	93
Queens.....	42 94	.....	.....	42 94
Newtown.....	58 10	30	8	96 10
Jamaica.....	50	26	.....	76
Greenpoint.....	54 91	.....	.....	54 91
St. Peter's.....	18	.....	.....	18
South Bushwick.....	29	.....	20	49
North Hempstead.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Astoria.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Newtown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Locust Valley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
College Point.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Classis of Long Island.				
Flatbush.....	1,179 75	.....	.....	1,179 75
New Lots.....	184 86	.....	.....	184 86
New Utrecht.....	194 73	\$136 49	10	341 22
Flatlands.....	83 29	158 48	.....	241 77
First Brooklyn.....	1,389 78	.....	10	1,399 78
South Brooklyn.....	17 77	.....	.....	17 77
New Brooklyn.....	15	8	.....	23
East New York.....	55 75	100	.....	155 75
On the Heights.....	2,451 06	.....	595 35	3,046 41
Middle Brooklyn.....	125	.....	.....	125
Gravesend.....	52 31	74 36	.....	126 67
Twelfth Street.....	12 36	.....	.....	12 36
East Brooklyn.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS.	TOTAL.
Classis of Michigan.				
Hope.....	\$18 36	.....	\$4	\$22 36
Constantine.....	10	\$15	.....	25
Centreville.....	20 70	46 75	.....	67 45
Grand Rapids.....				
Macon.....				
Porter.....				
South Bend.....				
South Macon.....				
Classis of Monmouth.				
Middletown.....	7 32	.....		7 32
Holmdel.....	87 15	10 14		97 29
First Freehold.....	38 35			38 35
Spottswood.....	7 42			7 42
Long Branch.....	9 85	9 69		19 54
Keyport.....	37 82			37 82
Second Freehold.....	45 37			45 37
Colt's Neck.....	30			30
Middletown.....				
Classis of Montgomery.				
Currytown.....	4 25	.....		4 25
Fonda.....	147	27 39		174 39
Hagaman's Mills.....	32 17		70	102 17
Mohawk.....		35		35
Fort Plain.....	40 54	3 77		44 31
St. Johnsville.....	33			33
Herkimer.....	30		10	40
Ephratah.....	20 55			20 55
Glen.....	28		40	68
Florida.....	30			30
Port Jackson.....	14 58			14 58
Canajoharie.....	10			10
Manheim.....	10			10
Indian Castle.....	6			6
Auriesville.....				
Columbia.....				
Fort Herkimer.....				
Fultonville.....				
Henderson.....				
Mapletown.....				
Stone Arabia.....				
Spraker's Basin.....				
Tillaborough.....				
Classis of Newark.				
North Newark.....	454 68	50	573 87	1,078 55
First Newark.....	507 40			507 40
East Newark.....	23 60			23 60

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Newark.				
CONTINUED.				
Belleville	\$96 19	\$52		148 19
Clinton Ave., Newark	100	50		150
Second Newark	91 24			91 24
First Newark	1 25			1 25
Franklin	24 06			24 06
Irrington	14 07			14 07
Linden				
Christ, Woodside				
Classis of New Brunswick.				
Griggstown	131 55	4 35		135 90
First New Brunswick	329 90	100	70	499 90
Second New Brunswick	993 40	43 81	77 26	1,114 47
Middlebush	128 26			128 26
Franklin Park	195 26		200	395 26
Millstone	105 66			105 66
Third New Brunswick	50			50
Boundbrook	25 37			25 37
Metuchen	15 50			15 50
East Millstone				
Classis of New York.				
Harlem	108 51			108 51
Collegiate	3,168 63	220	375	3,763 63
Knox Memorial, Collegiate	69 52	10		79 52
29th Street Chapel	49 65	100 32		149 97
54th & 7th Ave. "	5	50		55
Mott Haven	27 36			27 36
Port Richmond	255	50	22	327
Madison Avenue	91 59		10	101 59
South	1,068 51			1,068 51
Prospect Hill	60	60	1	121
Huguenots	17 79			17 79
Houston Street	100	50		150
Thirty-fourth Street	57 71			57 71
Bloomington	5			5
St. Paul's				
Richmond				
Fourth German				
Holland				
Brookfield				
South Classis of New York.				
Brighton Heights	50 46			50 46
Sixth Avenue	20 10			20 10
Bushwick	12 50			12 50
North Brooklyn	80			80
Washington Square	208 25		100	308 25
Manhattan				
Norfolk Street				

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL.
Classis of Orange.				
Port Jervis.....	\$278 75	\$115 93	\$255	\$649 68
Newburgh.....	204 08		6	210 08
Ellenville.....	6 02			6 02
Cuddebackville.....	6			6
Berea.....	15			15
Lower Walpack.....	12			12
Warwick.....	73 50			73 50
Wallkill Valley.....	9			6
Shawangunk.....	16 50	3		19 50
Kerhonkson.....			6	9
New Hurley.....	50			50
Walden.....	130	14 48		144 48
Bloomington.....	21 56	5	5	31 56
Montgomery.....	600			600
Callicoon.....				
Claryville.....				
Fallsburgh.....				
Fremont.....				
Grahamville.....				
Jeffersonville.....				
Mamakating.....				
Minnisink.....				
New Prospect.....				
North Branch.....				
Upper Walpack.....				
Wawarising.....				
Classis of Paramus.				
Clarkstown.....	88 71		40	128 71
West New Hempstead.....	38 73			38 73
Nyack.....	129 70	150	40	319 70
Acquacknonk.....	290 01	200		490 01
Paramus.....	205 52			205 52
Spring Valley.....	13 50		5	18 50
Tappan.....	25 65			25 65
Saddle River.....		20		20
Second Paterson.....	50		100	150
First Holland.....	3			3
Broadway.....	80			80
North Passaic.....		37 25		37 25
Piermont.....	75	12 50		87 50
Pascack.....				
Ramapo.....				
Second Holland.....				
Holland, Lodi.....				
Holland, Hohenokus.....				
Classis of Passaic.				
Wykocff.....	6 90	4 50	26	37 40
Pompton Plains.....	54 56	45 55		100 11

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDUALS.	TOTAL.
Classis of Passaic.				
CONTINUED.				
Little Falls	\$41 19	\$21 50	.....	\$62 69
Pompton	87 40	.....	.....	87 40
First Paterson	82 79	14 65	.....	97 44
Sixth Holland .....	.....	.....	\$10	10
Stone House Plains	16	.....	.....	16
Boardville	10	.....	.....	10
Preakness	20 75	.....	.....	20 75
Montville	5	.....	.....	5
Fairfield	10	.....	.....	10
Boonton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ponds .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Philadelphia.				
Harlingen	88 97	.....	.....	88 97
North and Southampton	106 15	31 60	.....	137 75
Readington	91	.....	300	391
Blawenburgh	100	25	1 50	126 50
Third Philadelphia .....	.....	206 32	20	226 32
Rocky Hill	53 13	17	5 58	73 71
Clover Hill	32 08	.....	.....	32 08
Addisville	33 35	.....	.....	33 35
Second Philadelphia	66 46	.....	.....	66 46
Fifth Philadelphia	34	.....	.....	34
Fourth Philadelphia	50	.....	.....	50
Neshanic .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
First Philadelphia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stanton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Poughkeepsie.				
Rhinebeck	159 63	.....	.....	159 63
Hopewell	105 63	.....	.....	105 63
Fishkill	93 17	80	.....	173 17
Millbrook	64 71	30	56 86	151 57
Glenham .....	.....	98 13	.....	98 13
Cold Spring	13 20	.....	.....	13 20
Hyde Park	18 83	.....	.....	18 83
Second Poughkeepsie	140 06	.....	.....	140 06
Fishkill Landing	91 77	.....	.....	91 77
New Hackensack	46	16	.....	62
First Poughkeepsie	187 54	.....	.....	187 54
Classis of Raritan.				
First Somerville	57 50	.....	5	62 50
Second Raritan	133 38	50	25	208 38
Rockaway	34 16	12	.....	46 16
Branchville	56 14	.....	10	66 14
Third Raritan	164 27	43 99	262 01	470 27
High Bridge	18 39	37 63	.....	56 02
Bedminster	118 46	50 35	98 35	267 16

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL.
Classis of Raritan.				
CONTINUED.				
Easton	\$279 37	\$44	.....	\$323 37
North Branch	212 50	.....	.....	212 50
Lebanon .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Peapack .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plainfield .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Plainfield .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pottersville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clinton Station .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilcox .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Rensselaer.				
Kinderhook	486 61	194 51	\$75	756 12
New Concord	14	.....	.....	14
Second Ghent	17 50	11	.....	28 50
Chatham Village .....	.....	23 47	.....	23 47
East Greenbush	48 65	32	.....	80 65
Stuyvesant	100 64	.....	32 50	133 14
Schodack Landing	30	20	.....	50
Blooming Grove	13 20	3 75	.....	16 95
First Ghent	20	10	.....	30
Nassau	75	22	70 32	167 32
Castleton	100	.....	.....	100
Schodack .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stuyvesant Falls .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Saratoga.				
South, West Troy	101 65	.....	.....	101 65
Saratoga	63 46	10	2	75 46
Union Village	65 13	.....	.....	65 13
North, West Troy	155 40	99 23	.....	254 63
Wynant's Kill	15	.....	.....	15
Northumberland	14	.....	.....	14
Fort Miller .....	.....	15	.....	15
Buskirks	20	.....	.....	20
Easton	2 10	.....	.....	2 10
Cohoes	60	.....	.....	60
Boght .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gansevoort .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rensselaer .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Schaghticoke .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterford .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Schenectady.				
Amity	52 55	44 10	.....	96 65
Niskayuna	52 14	13 75	.....	65 89
Lisha's Kill	38 25	.....	6	44 25
Glenville	112	.....	.....	112
Scotia	18 57	.....	.....	18 57

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S' SCHOOL	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL.
Classis of Schenectady.				
CONTINUED.				
First Rotterdam.....	\$17	.....	.....	\$17
Princetown.....	7	.....	.....	7
First Schenectady.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Schenectady.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Rotterdam.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Helderbergh.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cranesville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Schoharie.				
Berne.....	21	\$13	.....	34
Beaverdam.....	.....	2	.....	2
Middleburgh.....	19 05	.....	.....	19 05
Schoharie.....	5 25	.....	.....	5 25
Gallupville.....	8 72	.....	.....	8 72
Lawyersville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Schoharie Mountain.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Blenheim.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Breakabin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sharon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gilboa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eminence.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Ulster.				
East Kingston.....	541 90	228 34	.....	770 24
Wiltwyck.....	9 70	22 77	.....	32 47
Sangerties.....	64 85	25	\$150 65	240 50
North Esopus.....	.....	27 35	.....	27 35
Woodstock.....	5 10	.....	.....	5 10
Blue Mountain.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caatsban.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Esopus.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flatbush.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plattekill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shokan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shandaken.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Hurley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Westchester.				
West Farms.....	20	47 02	.....	67 02
Bronxville.....	125 08	.....	.....	125 08
Mount Vernon.....	33 93	.....	.....	33 93
Second Tarrytown.....	333 65	116	.....	449 65
Yonkers.....	103	160	100	363
First Tarrytown.....	48 20	.....	.....	48 20
Unionville.....	12	.....	.....	12
Hastings-on-Hudson.....	107 76	.....	.....	107 76
Peekskill.....	.....	.....	5	5
Cortlandtown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fordham.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Westchester.				
CONTINUED.				
Greenburgh.....				
Greenville.....				
Melrose.....				
Classis of Wisconsin.				
Franklin.....	\$44 50			\$44 50
Alto.....			56 50	56 50
Fulton.....	22 66			22 66
Holland.....	38		50	88
Holland, Nebraska.....	30			30
Silver Creek.....	8 40			8 40
South Holland, Ill.....	25			25

INDIVIDUALS NOT THROUGH CHURCHES.

W. A. S., Holland, Mich.....	\$5	Mrs. Anna C. Kip, N. Y. City..	\$70
Mrs. Howard Potter, N. Y. City	50	W. W. Kip, Esq.	50
Missionary Box, No. 686.....	10	R. L.	25
Josiah Bender, Bethlehem, N ^y Y..	15	Missionary Box of E. R. N. ...	25
A Lady	25	Mrs. D. Olyphant Vail.....	110
Lambda.	225	Simon Shindler, Esq.	25
C	40	Miss Maria A. Southart . . .	100
H.	39	Miss Olive R. Seward, Washing-	
A Friend	5	ton, D. C.	5
Conscience.....	5	Miss Alice Weld, Jamaica Plains,	
Missionary Box, by Rev. H. S.,		Mass.	5
Plainfield, N. J.	3	Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D....	10
G. S. L.	30	J. Polhemus, Esq., Astoria, L. I.	10
E. H., Brooklyn, L. I.	30	L. A. W., Jacksonville, N. ...	5
Mrs. James Van Wyck, East		Rev. J. Romeyn Beck, Holland,	
Fishkill, N. Y.	10	Mich.	5
Ford.....	3	A Lady, Brooklyn, L. I.	100
Danl. D. Anderson, N. Y. City.	10	M. O.	5
Cameron.	5	A Friend of Missions, Brook-	
A Lady of First Presbyterian		lyn, L. I.	5
Church, Bergen, N. J.	3	A Minister's Widow, of the	
R. G. S.	20	Classis of Ulster.....	12
Mrs. Howard Townsend, Al-		Mrs. Charlotte Ward, Rahway,	10
bany, N. Y.	15	Missionary Box, 653	5
A Friend.....	10	Missionary Box, 1191.....	17
A Friend to the cause	15	T. E. Annis, Holland, Mich. ...	10
A Friend of Missions	10	Miss Josephine Penfold, N. Y.	
Missionary Box, 630.....	9 50	City.....	40
Cash	3 50	Edmund Penfold, Esq.	40
Cornelius Clement, Hudson,			
Mich.	10	Total	\$1,295

Miscellaneous.

Premiums on Gold.....	\$ 14 58
Classes of Holland, Wisconsin and Grand River.....	2,689
Interest on Security Funds.....	2,144 51
Holland Society, Montague, Mich.....	10
The Little Sabbath School in the Barn.....	5
S. School on the Ridge, Stuyvesant, N. Y.	7
American Bible Society for the Arcot Mission	1,500
Young Ladies' Missionary Society, New Centre, N. J.	150
Cash, Washington, D. C.,.....	26 50
Zion's Church, Buffalo, N. Y.	4 50
S. School, Amelia Court House, Va.....	62
Unknown.....	51 30
Belleville, N. J., Silver	70
H., N. Y. City	6
Total	<hr/> \$6,609 71

Legacies.

Adrian Van Santvoord.....	\$250
Mrs. Roxana Childs (additional).....	4,683 54
D. J. Demarest.....	50
Rebecca Voorhees	500
Sarah W. Anthony.....	200
Mary G. Brinkerhoff	500
Total	<hr/> \$6,183 54

RECEIPTS FROM CLASSES.

CLASSES OF SYNOD. OF New York.	CHURCH CON- TRIBUTIONS.	FROM SABBATH SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU- ALS.	TOTAL.
Hudson	\$844 08	\$227 99	.....	\$1,072 07
Kingston	447 37	347 75	\$26	831 12
North Long Island	459 85	256 45	78	794 30
South Long Island	5,761 66	477 33	615 35	6 854 34
New York	5,084 27	540 32	408	6,032 59
South New York	371 31	.....	100	471 31
Orange	1,422 41	138 41	272	1,832 82
Poughkeepsie	920 54	224 13	56 86	1,201 53
Raritan	1,074 17	237 97	400 36	1,712 50
Westchester	783 62	323 02	105	1,211 64
Albany.	\$17,179 28	\$2,773 37	\$2,061 57	\$22,014 22
Albany	\$845 73	\$208 06	\$600	\$1,653 79
Cayuga	1,134 71	89 94	45 50	1,270 15
Geneva	298 88	64 80	25	388 68
Greene	205 57	44 54	50	300 11
Montgomery	406 09	66 16	120	592 15
Rensselaer	905 60	316 73	177 82	1,400 25
Saratoga	496 74	124 23	2	622 97
Schenectady	297 51	57 85	6	361 36
Schoharie	54 02	15	.....	69 02
Ulster	621 55	303 46	150 65	1,075 66
Chicago.	\$5 266 40	\$1,290 77	\$1,176 97	\$7,734 14
Grand River*	\$23 42	.....	.....	\$23 42
Holland*	173 87	.....	5	178 87
Illinois	336 69	\$120 45	5	462 14
Michigan	49 06	61 75	4	114 81
Wisconsin*	168 56	.....	106 50	275 06
New Brunswick.	\$751 60	\$182 20	\$120 50	\$1,054 30
Bergen	\$895 87	\$69 79	\$22	\$987 56
South Bergen	971 87	244 62	87 50	1,303 99
Monmouth	263 28	19 83	.....	283 11
New Brunswick	1,974 80	148 16	347 26	2,470 32
Newark	1,312 49	152	573 87	2,038 36
Paramus	999 82	419 75	185	1,604 57
Passaic	334 59	86 20	36	456 79
Philadelphia	655 14	279 92	325 08	1,260 14
	\$7,407 96	\$1,420 27	\$1,576 71	\$10,404 94
Total	\$30,605 24	\$5,666 61	\$4,935 75	\$41,207 60

*See Receipts from Miscellaneous Sources.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

*The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America
in account with the Treasurer.*

Dr.

AMOY MISSION.

April 30th, 1873.

To cash drafts, &c., paid	\$7,394 75	
" paid on account of the Mission.. ..	6,623 45	
	<hr/>	14,018 20

ARCOT MISSION.

To cash drafts, &c., paid.....	\$27,502 50	
" paid on account of the Mission.....	6,637 37	
	<hr/>	34,139 87

JAPAN MISSION.

To cash drafts, &c, paid.....	\$7,148 10	
" paid on account of the Mission	768 07	
	<hr/>	7,916 17
To cash paid Cor. Secretary's salary.....	\$3,000	
" Bookkeeper's salary	500	
" Incidental expenses	1,063 77	
" Traveling expenses.....	506	
" Rent	850	
" Postage.....	145 65	
" Interest	430 40	
" Gospel Field	513 42	
	<hr/>	6,949 24
" Notes		3,500 00
Balance to new account....		1,583 35
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		\$68,106 83
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April 30th, 1873.

By Balance in Treasury..... \$253 88

April 30th, 1874.

By cash received from Churches.....	\$30,612 34	
“ “ Sabbath Schools... ..	5,676 61	
“ “ Individuals through Churches..	5,000 25	
“ “ “ not through Churches	1,270 50	
“ “ Miscellaneous sources.....	6,609 71	
“ “ Legacies... ..	6,193 54	
	<hr/>	55,352 95
“ Borrowed from Banks.....		12,500 00
		<hr/>
		\$68,106 83

Invested in U. S. Bonds:

James Suydam Fund.....	\$10,000
G. Mandeville Fund.....	5,500
Warren Ackerman Fund.....	10,000
General Security Fund.....	5,643
Holland and Wisconsin Classes Fund.....	2,357
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	\$33,500
Present debt of the Board.....	9,000

New York, 30th April, 1874.

GAMALIEL G. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America; we find the same to be correct, and that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer is Fifteen hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-five cents.

JAMES A. WILLIAMSON,	} <i>Auditing Com.</i>
A. V. VAN VECHTEN.	

THE
TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Board of Publication
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,

PRESENTED TO THE
GENERAL SYNOD, AT POUGHKEEPSIE,
JUNE, 1874.

NEW YORK:
BOARD OF PUBLICATION
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.
34 VESEY STREET, CORNER OF CHURCH.
1874.

REPORT

OF

Board of Publication.

The Board has completed the second decade in its history. Twenty years of stewardship are passed. It respectfully presents to the General Synod its Twentieth Annual Report, with heartfelt gratitude to God for his continued goodness. The mournful shadows which darkened other years have not fallen upon the past year. No breach has been made in the roll of its membership by death.* No want of harmony has marred the sessions of the Board. Confidence in the importance of its mission, eagerness of desire and earnestness of purpose in furthering the work given it to do, have marked its deliberations.

DEPOSITORY.

I. SALES DEPARTMENT.

The disturbed condition of the finances of the country has made the year one of unusual depression and inaction in every department of business. It could not be expected that the book-trade would escape its paralyzing effect. Vigorous efforts have been made by publishing houses to force their stock upon the market at reduced rates; yet they report diminished receipts for the year. A large share of their patronage has been secured by traveling agents. A Church Board, without the support of such aid, and limited in its range of publications to works of a denominational and religious character, is likely to suffer more severely from the times.

* Since the close of the Synodical year, May 18th, Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., senior member of the Board, and for many years its esteemed President, has been removed by death.

From the appended report of the publishing agent, Rev. William Ferris, who has charge of the depository, it will be seen that the amount of sales for the year is \$10,014.92. Were our book-room more easy of access, being on the second floor, it is fair to presume that the increase from local trade would make our balance-sheet appear to better advantage. May we not hope that some friend or friends of the Church, gifted with ample means, will feel privileged to secure a suitable building as the Publication House of our Reformed Church? a building which shall compare favorably with similar establishments reared by other branches of the Christian Church? This would ease the depository and our benevolent Boards of an annual rental, and could not fail to have a happy influence upon all our varied interests.

Arrangements have been made for an exchange of publications with the publishing Boards of the Presbyterian Church, North, the Presbyterian Church, South, and the Reformed Church in the United States. This arrangement places a greater variety of excellent books upon the shelves of our depository. With the facilities thus afforded, and the efforts made to secure from other publishing houses their best works, we are able to furnish Churches, Sunday Schools and families with an admirable assortment, and at reasonable rates. Selected libraries, advertised by other publishers, together with the usual requisites for Sunday School Workers, Illustrative Cards, Commentaries, Maps, &c., are kept constantly on hand. It is gratifying to learn, that our careful and judicious selections in filling orders, meet with the warmest approval. Many find it to their advantage to come or send directly to our depository, and rely upon the judgment of our Agent to carry out their directions in making up a library, rather than trust to inexperienced committees, whose limited time prevents them from making a satisfactory selection.

2. PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

A number of manuscripts, competing for the Viele prize of \$250, have been sent in and submitted to a special Committee. As the result of their examination, the Committee reported that some of the manuscripts do not come within the proposed requirement. However meritorious, they are not sufficiently popular to be sought for Sunday School libraries, or to insure a profitable sale. While

especial mention is made of two—and these two are under advisement by the Board, with a view to publication,—the Committee do not feel that they can give the sanction of their approval to any as fairly meriting the prize. It is hoped that a renewed offer will secure a more successful competitor, and furnish a work of sterling worth.

S. B. Schieffelin, Esq., by whose liberality the Board has issued “The Mind and Words of Jesus,” has shown his continued interest in furnishing for the Board two carefully prepared Catechisms, entitled “Milk for Babes” and “Bread for Children.” Mr. S. has kindly assumed the cost of their publication, and given his personal attention to their issue from the press. Such generous co-operation merits our hearty thanks. These simple text-books are admirably fitted to interest our youth in the teachings of the Bible and to indoctrinate them in the articles of our Christian faith.

“*Alice Porter*,” the title of another late publication, is among our larger issues, and ranks as a Sabbath School book in the same class with that popular work, “Jack’s Story, as told by himself.”

Notwithstanding the peculiarly discouraging circumstances under which the Board has labored during the year, it has been compelled, by the increased demand, to issue a larger number of *reprints* than in the previous year, as will be seen in the publishing Agent’s Report. These pertain directly to our Church literature. The series of Lesson Papers on the Heidelberg Catechism, for the use of the Sunday Schools, was completed in 1873, and in 1874 a new series, following the line of the “International Lessons,” was undertaken.

In response to an application made by our Missionaries in India, the Board has appropriated a sum necessary to meet the cost of issuing a Catechism in the Telugu language, thus furnishing valuable co-operation with our Foreign Missionary work. The spread of saving truth on the printed page, where the “laborers are few,” enables them to reach multitudes who cannot be reached personally.

3. DISTRIBUTING DEPARTMENT.

The depository presents the business aspect of the Board, but it is also a benevolent agency. During the trying times of the past year the applications for aid have been unusually frequent. These applications are so many openings for usefulness, to which the Board

in every instance has readily responded, believing that it is thus fulfilling its appropriate mission. The Hymn books of the Church have been furnished gratuitously, to infant Church organizations, Mission enterprises and Hospital services. The timeliness of the gift, occurring at a critical period in the history of a church, has often largely increased its value. What is thus given is bread cast upon the waters, both in the spiritual results which follow and in the return made to the Treasury of the Board, which often receives back its own with usury. The pastor of a feeble church, lately aided, writes: "After trying to raise a floating debt, we mean to make regular contributions to the Boards. *The Board of Publication shall come in for the first collection.*"

Library books have also been furnished gratuitously during the year to struggling Sunday Schools. In view of the relation of the Sunday School to the family and to the Church, the value of such donations is beyond computation. "Many, many thanks," writes one, for the package of books. I am sure they will do us much good. Our scholars and teachers are just hungering for them." "Our School of a hundred scholars," writes another, "had no books whatever. Since your supply came, it ran up at once to a hundred and fifty, and I soon expect two hundred. The School have voted the Board of Publication their hearty thanks for this much-needed gift." The parents, in many cases, are reached through the books brought home by their children. The School thus aided often becomes the nucleus of a thriving church. And, in one instance at least, a failing church has been revived and saved through the new life infused by the prosperous Sunday School thus helped by the Board. Such timely gifts create the pleasant feeling in the hearts of brethren separated at a distance, that they are not forgotten.

While the Board appreciates the peculiar claim of the field occupied by our Reformed Church, it is not neglectful of the needy, as such, wherever found, who make an appeal for aid. Books and tracts are donated to prisons and hospitals. Copies of the "Sower and Gospel Field" are freely distributed among the destitute. Among the places which have been aided are the following: Grand Haven, South Holland, Washington, German Evangelical Churches in Hoboken, Flatbush and Second Avenue, New York City, Melrose, Highland Light, New York City Prison, Roosevelt Street Hospital, Woman's Hospital, Magdalen Asylum, &c.

II. RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

The Treasurer's account shows the footing of contributions for the year, from Churches, Sunday-schools and individuals, to be \$5,873 09. The addition to the Endowment Fund and Working Capital has increased the amount for this object to \$21,471 76. There has been appropriated for Foreign and Home distribution, \$1,941 70.

Year by year, the Secretary has reported a continuous advance in the sum total of contributions until the present year. Various causes have operated during the year to affect unfavorably the aggregate of receipts. The panic has prostrated enterprise in business circles. Financial disaster has placed it beyond the power of many to give with their wonted liberality. The cry for "bread" has been heard from a large class of sufferers who have suddenly been cut off from the ordinary means of support, and who have a special claim upon public sympathy. The absence of the Secretary on account of impaired health deprived the Board for the time of his services. Since resuming his position, the average of monthly contributions has nearly reached the usual standard.

It is a cheering fact, which is the index of steadily growing interest in our work, that an unusually large number has been added to the list of contributing Churches during the year. This is the more encouraging when we take into the account the legislation of the General Synod at its last session. Its action in regard to the Board, commending it to the favor and support of the Churches, while, at the same time, inaugurating a policy that would cripple its efficiency, could hardly fail to impair confidence and beget a wavering if not a waning interest in the work of the Board. The diminished receipts from some Churches and the discontinuance of contributions from others, are doubtless the result, in great measure, of this action. As expenditures must be graded by receipts, this will also explain why the list of new issues for the year is not greater. Several valuable manuscripts are in the hands of the Board awaiting only the means for their publication. It is earnestly hoped that the memorial accompanying this report made by the Board to the General Synod, in reference to its late action, will meet with its favorable consideration.

III. SOWER AND GOSPEL FIELD.

This paper is steadily growing in popular favor. The subscription list, which exceeds that of the previous year, is receiving fresh accessions without any special agency to secure them. Orders for the paper are not unfrequently received from those who are not identified with our Reformed Church. It is no unusual thing to find in these orders expressions of hearty commendation. Our aim is to make this semi-monthly sheet such as will meet a wide-spread want and command a wide spread, merited patronage. It has recently assumed a new form, making it more presentable in appearance and thus more attractive to the reader. Pastors show a growing appreciation of its worth in their voluntary efforts for its increased circulation among their people. It reaches a large class whose circumstances cannot afford a more expensive paper. In addition to its excellent articles, original and selected, for the home circle, its readers are kept advised of the latest items of Church news. Through statements made by the Secretaries, they are made familiar with the wants of the Church and the world. Thus their interest is awakened and they are led to give freely as God gives them. It is not uncommon to receive donations for the work of the Church as the result of communications inserted in the columns of the "Sower and Gospel Field."

One of its chief excellencies which commends it as an invaluable help for the Sunday-school, is its admirable exposition, by Rev. Dr. David Inglis, a member of the Board, of the International series of Lessons. These expositions are received with much favor and are being introduced into schools outside of our Reformed Church. Could our plans have been matured sooner and earlier notice have been given, it would have secured the subscriptions of a much larger number who had previously completed their arrangements for the year. The Board gratefully acknowledges its obligations to Rev. Dr. Inglis for the very acceptable service he has thus rendered, and also for the prospect of his continued co-operation the coming year. This expectation, together with the very low price at which the paper is furnished, it is hoped, will greatly add to its circulation and thus by multiplying the number of its readers increase its usefulness.

PUBLISHING AGENT'S REPORT.

The Board has published the following during the year ending May 1st, 1874:

1. <i>The Revised Liturgy.</i> Size 12mo, pages 128. Copies.	1,000
2. <i>Annual Report of the Board for 1873,</i> pages 20. Copies.....	2,500
3. <i>Alice Porter</i> 16mo. Illustrated, pages 259.....	1,000
4. <i>The Minutes of the General Synod for 1873.</i> Pages 310	1,400
5. <i>The Sower and Gospel Field.</i> 24 Editions. Pages 8. Copies.....	168,000
6. <i>Lesson Papers.</i> Pages 4. Copies.....	11,000
7. <i>Musical Leaflets.</i> Copies.....	1,500

REPRINTS OF FORMER PUBLICATIONS.

7. Editions of bound volumes.....	Copies, 8,100
4. Editions of Catechism.....	" 14,000
Total Reprints.....	" 22,100

SALES ACCOUNT.

Amount of Sales from May 1st, 1873, to May 1st, 1874.....	\$10,014 92
Amount received for <i>The Sower and Gospel Field.</i>	3,052 05

DONATIONS.

Amount of books, tracts and papers donated	1,941 70
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EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Amount expended in conducting the operations of the Board for the year ending May 1st, 1874 :	
Rent of Synod's Rooms.....	\$3,500
Salaries of Cor. Secretary, Publishing Agent and two Clerks.....	5,510
Folding and Mailing The Sower and Gospel Field..	181 12
Incidental expenses for interest, insurance, fuel, &c.	792 07
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	9,983 19
Less amount received for rent and expenses from the other Boards.....	2,037 66
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Balance expenses....	\$7,945 53

AMOUNT OF STOCK.

Amount of Stock and Fixtures May 1st, 1874 :	
Plates, electrotypes, woodcuts, &c.....	20,169 91
Publications of the Board	\$18,039 79
Miscellaneous Publications.....	3,917
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	21,956 79
Total stock and fixtures... ..	<hr/>
	\$42,126 70

ASSETS.

Amount of Stock and Fixtures.....	\$42,126 70
“ Credits on book account.....	5,968.63
“ U. S. Bonds.....	1,200.
“ in the Treasury.....	864.86
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Total assets.....	\$50,160.19

LIABILITIES.

Amount of Funded debt.....	\$3,768.72
“ due on Book Account.....	2,760.97
“ of Bills payable.....	1,250.
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Total liabilities.....	7,779.69
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Balance in favor of the Board.....	\$42,380.50

SUMMARY.

Increase of Stock.....	\$2,460.73
Donated in Books and Tracts and Papers....	1,184.82
Amount of Capital and Endowment.....	21,471.76

WM. FERRIS,

Publishing Agent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

May 1, 1874.

Dr.

To Cash paid for Merchandise.....	\$6,982.49
“ “ The Sower and Gospel Field,.....	4,236.87
“ “ Expenses, Salaries, &c.....	9,983.19
“ “ Bills payable.....	1,891.18
“ “ Treasurer.....	250.
“ Balance in hand May 1st, 1874.....	864.86
Total.....	\$24,208.59

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By balance in the Treasury May 1st, 1873.....	\$2,159.86
“ cash from Churches, Sunday Schools and Individuals.	
For General Purposes.....	\$3,646.00
“ Life Membership.....	573.12
“ Capital and Endowment.....	977.77
“ Sabbath School Distribution.....	462.05
“ Missionary Publications.....	214.15
Total from Churches, &c.....	5,873.09
By cash for Merchandise.....	8,094.75
“ “ Sower and Gospel Field.....	3,052.05
“ “ Rent and expenses.....	2,037.66
“ “ Bills payable.....	2,991.18
Total from Depository.....	16,175.64
Total.....	\$24,208.59

WM. FERRIS,

Treasurer.

CONCLUSION.

The result attained shows all that could reasonably be expected from a careful husbandry and a wise appropriation of means. If there has been a languid interest felt by some Churches growing out of adverse influences, there has been a deeper interest on the part of others and an encouraging increase of contributing Churches. The amount of published material, including reprints, exceeds that of the previous year. The two Catechisms for children and youth are models of their kind. Mission Churches, Sunday-schools, humane and charitable institutions have shared in the benefactions of the Board. Appropriations have been made in aid of our Foreign Missionaries. The *Sower and Gospel Field*, remodelled and combining many features of fresh interest, has an enlarged circulation and is rendering important service to families and to Sunday-schools.

In estimating the true worth of the Board however, it should be viewed not so much as to actual results as to the possibilities of its organization. The question should be not, what it has accomplished under disadvantages, but what can it be made to accomplish under favorable circumstances? The past year, with its peculiar embarrassments, must be put down as exceptional. Shall we not hope that the coming year, through the vigorous action of the General Synod, will be one of signal prosperity?

The term of office of the following members expires June, 1874:

Rev. Thomas DeWitt, D. D.,

" W. R. Gordon, D. D.,

" E. S. Porter, D. D.,

Rev. Wm. Anderson,

Mr. Maurice E. Viele,

" J. S. Burr.

J. A. LANSING,

Corresponding Secretary.

Adopted May 25th, 1874.

THE
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SIXTY-NINTH
GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE
Reformed Church in America,

CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION AT

Jersey City, N. J., June, 1875.

NEW YORK:
BOARD OF PUBLICATION
OF THE
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34 VESEY STREET, CORNER OF CHURCH,

1875.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,
CONVENED IN THE FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF JERSEY CITY,
N. J., ON WEDNESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF JUNE, IN THE
YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
SEVENTY-FIVE, AND ADJOURNED ON THE TENTH DAY OF
JUNE, AT THE CLOSE OF THE EVENING SESSION.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Goyn Talmage, President of the last Synod, who also preached the Synodical Sermon, on the evening of the first day of the Session, from Judges 12: 6: "Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him and slew him at the passages of Jordan."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.*

From the Particular Synod of New York.

From the Classis of Arcot.—Minister, Jacob Chamberlain, M.D.

From the Classis of Hudson.—Ministers, J. B. Church, A. J. Sebring. Elders, J. M. Strever, J. C. Benham.

From the Classis of Kingston.—Ministers, S. P. M. Hastings, V. M. Hulbert, D.D., C. E. Lasher. Elders, John Alliger, D. S. Vandemark, Josiah Le Fevre.

From the North Classis of Long Island.—Ministers, E. S. Fairchild, W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., C. I. Shepard. Elders, J. C. Hendrickson, Thomas S. Shepard.

From the South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers, C. F. C. Suckow, A. Du Bois, D.D., J. H. Carroll, D.D., J. A. Lansing, D.D. Elders, John A. Lott, John L. Ryder, G. G. Bergen.

From the Classis of New York.—Ministers, G. H. Mandeville, D.D., W. Ormiston, D.D., T. W. Chambers, D.D., J. W. Geyer, H. D. Ganse. Elders, D. P. Ingraham, H. Camerden, Jr., James Wood, N. S. King, James Anderson.

From the South Classis of New York.—Ministers, Wm. B. Merritt, A. C. Hillman. Elders, A. J. Felter, J. W. Baker.

From the Classis of Orange.—Ministers, E. W. Bentley, L. L. Comfort, W. S. Brown, C. Spaulding. Elders, John Lyon, William Crowell, D. W. Rapalje, Peter Eager.

* *Arrived on the Second Day.*—Ministers, Talbot W. Chambers, A. C. Hillman, Elbert Nevius, C. P. Masden. Elders, Thomas S. Shepard, George I. Harder, F. J. Cushing, N. B. Derby, William Robb, John De Mott, A. Brown.

Arrived on the Third Day.—Ministers, Joachim Elmendorf, I. H. Collier. Elder, George F. Inbrie.

Arrived on the Sixth Day.—Ministers, J. Lansing, J. H. Suydam, as Secundus of L. Mohn. Elders, William Seward, William Terry, J. C. Benham.

Arrived on the Seventh Day.—Minister, Edward Cornet. Elder, J. V. D. Hoagland.

William Ormiston was succeeded by his secundus, H. D. Ganse, on the third day.

L. Mohn was succeeded by his secundus, J. H. Suydam, on the sixth day.

J. H. Carroll was succeeded by his secundus, J. A. Lansing, on the sixth day.

I. S. Demund was succeeded by his secundus, J. B. Thompson, on the seventh day.

J. H. Smyth was succeeded by his secundus, Wm. H. Strang, on the fourth day.

John De Mott was succeeded by his secundus, J. V. D. Hoagland, on the seventh day.

H. C. Berg was succeeded by his secundus, Ed. Cornet, on the seventh day.

From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.—*Ministers*, J. C. Van Deventer, H. Heermance, J. Elmendorf, D.D. *Elders*, J. B. Jewett, S. Scofield, Wm. Seward.

From the Classis of Westchester.—*Ministers*, J. A. Todd, D.D., L. H. Van Dyck. *Elders*, Ward Carpenter, J. S. Van Court, James Stewart.

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

From the Classis of Albany.—*Ministers*, D. K. Bartlett, Wm. H. Ballagh, N. Pearse. *Elders*, Theodore F. Cornell, George F. Imbrie.

From the Classis of Cayuga.—*Ministers*, J. H. Enders, John Bochrer. *Elder*, D. S. Van Derveer.

From the Classis of Geneva.—*Ministers*, Wm. D. Buckelew, J. L. Southard, H. P. McAdam. *Elders*, G. S. Conover, Oscar G. Wheeler.

From the Classis of Greene.—*Ministers*, Isaac S. Demund, M. G. Hansen, W. Johns, J. B. Thompson. *Elder*, William Terry.

From the Classis of Montgomery.—*Ministers*, F. M. Bogardus, R. R. Williams, J. M. Compton, E. G. Ackerman. *Elders*, A. Van Horne, A. Smith, J. M. Stowits.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.—*Ministers*, Edward A. Collier, Elbert Nevius. *Elders*, William H. Rainey, George I. Harder.

From the Classis of Saratoga.—*Ministers*, Selah W. Strong, Abm. H. Meyers, D. K. Van Doren. *Elder*, Maurice Cashman.

From the Classis of Schenectady.—*Ministers*, A. G. Vermilye, D.D., R. G. Welch, D.D., J. K. Rhinehart. *Elder*, Cornelius Lansing.

From the Classis of Schoharie.—*Minister*, R. Doig. *Elder*, A. Brown.

From the Classis of Ulster.—*Ministers*, John C. F. Hoes, D.D., Andrew M. Arcularius, J. N. Voorhis. *Elders*, D. L. Houghtaling, John V. Winfield.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

From the Classis of Michigan.—*Ministers*, Chas. Scott, J. A. De Spelder, N. D. Williamson. *Elder*, V. J. Huey.

From the Classis of Illinois.—*Ministers*, E. P. Livingston, U. D. Gulick, G. Siebert, H. E. Decker. *Elders*, P. R. Westfall, F. J. Cushing, Isaac Porter.

From the Classis of Holland.—*Ministers*, P. De Pree, H. Uiterwyk.

From the Classis of Wisconsin.—*Ministers*, H. Borghers, J. W. Dunnewold.

From the Classis of Grand River.—*Ministers*, A. Kriekard, E. C. Oggel. *Elders*, F. Van Driele, J. Sprenk.

From the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

From the Classis of Bergen.—*Ministers*, Leopold Mohn, A. B. Taylor, P. V. Van Buskirk, J. H. Suydam. *Elders*, J. H. Smyth, H. Schierloh, F. J. Demarest, W. B. Strang.

From the South Classis of Bergen.—*Ministers*, P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., H. W. F. Jones, A. J. Park. *Elders*, John S. Hoagland, N. R. Derby, James Lindsay.

From the Classis of Monmouth.—*Ministers*, Theo. W. Wells, James Bolton, James B. Wilson. *Elders*, William Spader, A. C. Robinson.

From the Classis of Newark.—*Ministers*, W. J. R. Taylor, D.D., C. E. Hart, F. V. Van Vranken. *Elders*, Benjamin C. Miller, A. W. Baker, William Robb.

From the Classis of New Brunswick.—*Ministers*, W. H. Steele, D.D., R. G. Williams, Jacob C. Sears, D.D. *Elders*, John De Mott, P. L. Hoagland, W. R. Janeway, J. V. D. Hoagland.

From the Classis of Paramus.—*Ministers*, Charles D. Kellogg, William H. Clark. *Elders*, Garret I. Blauvelt, John W. Ferdon, D. J. Blauvelt.

From the Classis of Passaic.—*Ministers*, E. N. Sebring, A. A. Zabriskie, I. H. Collier. *Elder*, Uriah J. Van Riper.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—*Ministers*, H. M. Voorhees, C. P. Masden, Herman C. Berg, Ed. Cornet. *Elders*, D. S. Jones, W. H. Parmenter, J. H. Voorhees.

From the Classis of Raritan.—*Ministers*, J. F. Mesick, D.D., H. F. Schnellendreussler, Jas. B. Campbell. *Elders*, James Hageman, J. F. Edwards, T. J. Frelinghuysen.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Charles Scott was elected *President*; Rev. Jacob Chamberlain *Adessor*; Rev. Henry M. Voorhees and Rev. Charles D. Kellogg *Clerks, pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Synod were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On the Professorate.—*Ministers*, Anson Dubois, W. H. Steele, H. Uiterwyk. *Elders*, P. R. Westfall, B. C. Miller.

On Overtures.—*Ministers*, W. J. R. Taylor, D. K. Bartlett, U. D. Gulick. *Elders*, T. F. Cornell, Ward Carpenter.

On Synodical Minutes.—*Ministers*, A. Kriekard, William H. Ballagh, C. D. Kellogg. *Elders*, J. H. Smyth, J. C. Hendrickson.

On Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund.—*Ministers*, E. W. Bentley, E. P. Livingston, S. W. Strong. *Elders*, D. S. Jones, John S. Hoagland.

On Foreign Missions.—*Ministers*, E. A. Collier, S. P. M. Hastings, E. N. Sebring. *Elders*, H. Camerden, Jr., David L. Houghtaling.

On State of Religion.—*Ministers*, N. D. Williamson, V. M. Hulbert, J. A. Todd. *Elders*, D. S. Van Derveer, F. Van Driele.

On Education.—*Ministers*, R. B. Welch, J. B. Wilson, P. De Prec. *Elders*, H. Schierloh, G. G. Bergen.

On Judicial Business.—*Ministers*, J. C. F. Hoes, H. P. McAdam, W. B. Merritt. *Elders*, John Alliger, D. J. Blauvelt.

On the Widows' and Disabled Ministers's Funds.—*Ministers*, A. B. Taylor, C. Spaulding, William Johns. *Elders*, J. W. Baker, A. Van Horne.

On Publication.—*Ministers*, John F. Mesick, Charles Shepard, J. B. Church. *Elders*, G. S. Conover, John Ferdon.

On Nominations.—*Ministers*, D. K. Van Doren, E. C. Oggel, H. W. F. Jones. *Elders*, U. J. Van Riper, Cornelius Lansing.

On Correspondence.—*Ministers*, G. H. Mandeville, A. G. Vermilye, A. H. Meyers. *Elders*, James Hageman, James Wood.

On Accounts.—*Ministers*, R. Doig, J. W. Geyer, H. Borgers. *Elders*, S. Scofield, James Stewart.

On Leave of Absence.—*Ministers*, E. S. Fairchild, H. Heermance, John Boehrer. *Elders*, Maurice Cashman, W. H. Rainey.

On Board of Direction.—*Elders*, John A. Lott, D. P. Ingraham, Jacob B. Jewett, W. R. Janeway, John Lyon.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in the James Suydam Hall, at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 18th, 1875, at noon, and adjourned on Wednesday evening.

The Rev. Wm. R. Gordon opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev. Philip Peltz was elected President and Rev. C. L. Wells Clerk *pro tem*.

The following members were present:

From the Particular Synod of New York.

Rev. Philip Peltz,	Elder Gardner A. Sage,
Rev. C. L. Wells,	Elder John Lyon,
Rev. Joachim Elmendorf,	Elder J. N. Brinkerhoff.

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

Rev. Anson F. Munn,	Rev. Alex. B. Riggs.
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From the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

Rev. Wm. R. Gordon,	Elder Peter A. Voorhees,
Rev. Wm. R. Duryee,	Elder John W. Ferdon,
Rev. Herman C. Berg.	

From the report of the Faculty it appears that the following students have been members of the Theological Seminary :

Senior Class.

Horace P. Craig,	Joseph A. Harper,
William H. Hoffman,	Wm. J. Leggett,
Algernon Matthews,	Benjamin C. Miller, Jr.,
George A. Reis,	John A. Van Neste,
Howard H. Van Vranken.	

Middle Class.

Frederic E. Allen,	George H. Cleveland,
John W. Conklin,	James S. N. Demarest,
Henry De Vries,	Howard Harris,
Daniel T. Hawxhurst,	Walter W. Killough,
Abraham J. Martine,	Charles W. Pitcher,
Isaac S. Schenck,	Alex. G. Van Aken,
Ira Van Allen,	Herman Van Derwart,
Jacob O. Van Fleet,	Charles S. Wright.

Junior Class.

Ralph W. Brokaw,	Titus E. Davis,
Ernest Gutweiler,	Charles H. T. Kruger,
Cornelius Kriekard,	Geo. De Witt Lydecker,
John Oppie,	Sipko Rederus,
Samuel Streng,	David M. Talmage,
Jacob Van Halteren,	Daniel Van Pelt.

In addition to the names given above, in the Junior Class, may be added those of Charles W. Higgins and William H. Lawrence who have pursued their studies with the Class during the past year. Mr. Oppie has been compelled to leave the Seminary, on account of ill-health, and Mr. Streng has pursued but a partial course, as he proposes to remain four years.

From the Middle Class, Mr. Hawxhurst has been absent for the most of the year, and Mr. Killough, who is a member of the Presbyterian Church, South, was compelled by circumstances to be absent from the examinations. Both of these students hope to return next year. Mr. Pitcher left the Class near the close of the year in order to unite himself with the Congregational Church, and in hopes of being licensed to preach by some Congregational Association.

It afforded the Board great pleasure to receive testimony of the excellent conduct of the students during the past year. The influence of the Rector, Rev. Dr. John Garretson, has been most happy. There has been a very marked devotional and missionary spirit prevalent. A majority of the Senior Class offered themselves for work in the Foreign Mission field, and it is with sorrow the Board notes the fact that on account of the lack of funds, not one of these brethren could be sent to the perishing heathen.

The Library having been removed into the fire proof building, so generously donated by Col. Gardner A. Sage, the Board warmly unites with the Church in a hearty expression of thanks for this munificent gift. The Report of the Theological Faculty having directed the attention of the Board to the matter of the purchase of books, from money already collected from various donors, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That General Synod be respectfully solicited to appoint a suitable committee, to be associated with the Theological Professors, for the selection of books for the Library.

In the matter of examinations, the new method of written questions and answers, determined upon last year, was carried out with the happiest results. The Board resolved itself into sections, and thus each Professor was allowed all needed time to take a class over the field of study. The young men were given sufficient opportunity to show their acquirements, and in every department admirably sustained the test. The members of the Senior Class were recommended to the Professors for their Professorial certificates.

The Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall presented their report, to the Board. This report, with the accompanying paper by Col. Sage, was adopted by the Board, and in its printed form will be presented to the Synod.

In connection with this report the Board adopted the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That this Board rejoices in the great success of the present arrangements, for the welfare and comfort of the students occupying the Hall. God has blessed the work of the Committee, and the invaluable labors and Christian spirit of the esteemed Rector, so that the Synod, as well as the Board, may point to the present domestic advantages of the Hall with the highest satisfaction.

2. *Resolved*, That the attention of the General Synod is especially called to the Report of the Treasurer of the Committee, showing how sadly the Committee has been straitened for funds, inasmuch as many bills against the Committee have remained unpaid for several years.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board heartily second the appeal of the Standing Committee, that the General Synod take steps to secure such an endowment of the Hall as will meet the current claims, now \$1,500 annually in excess of receipts; and also free the occupants of the Hall from the expenses mentioned in the Committee's Report.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board very cordially accepts the invitation to be present at the dedication of the Gardner A. Sage Library; and trusts that the members of the Board will attend the services of that interesting occasion.

5. *Resolved*, That in sending up to the General Synod, the important paper prepared by Mr. Sage, which is a part of the Report of the Standing Committee which requested him to prepare it, this Board solicits for it the careful attention which the great importance of its topics demand.

6. *Resolved*, That this Board is happy to record, and express to Mr. Gardner A. Sage, its deep sense of the large liberality which leads him to declare not only his determination to provide for the care of the Library and the expenses necessary to give the utmost usefulness to the volumes it contains; but, in addition, to create another monument of his wise zeal and benevolence, in a fund of \$10,000, the income of which is to be devoted to replenishing the shelves of the Library.

7. *Resolved*, That the Board also gratefully recognizes the continued interest of Mr. Sage in the Theological Seminary, expressed

in the closing part of his statement, wherein he speaks of soon furnishing a feasible plan for the proposed additional endowment of Hertzog Hall. For all these past, present and prospective gifts and services, the Board wishes the abundant blessing of our Lord upon a wise, faithful and liberal steward.

The address to the students was delivered on Wednesday evening, by the Rev. Cornelius L. Wells.

WM. RANKIN DURYEE, *Chairman.*

A letter in the Dutch language, accompanied with a translation, and an explanatory note by Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, was received from the Synodical Committee of the Christian Reformed Church in the Netherlands, asking for information in regard to the oath against Simony, and proposing a fraternal correspondence. The papers were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

An Overture from the Classis of Montgomery, on the subject of organic union with the Presbyterian Church, (North), was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An Overture from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, in relation to students preaching, was received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An Overture from the Classis of New York, in relation to the Liturgy, was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A Communication from the Classis of Raritan containing resolutions in reference to the Board of Publication, and the Board of Education, was received, and the part relating to the former was referred to the Committee on Publication, and that relating to the latter to the Committee on Education.

An Overture from the Classis of Michigan, in relation to the endowment of the Theological Seminary at Hope College, was received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A paper advocating the omission of the words "dipping in," from the form of Baptism, was received from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, accompanied with a request that Rev. F. H. Van Derveer, the author of the paper, be permitted to speak before Synod in its support. The request was granted, and the paper referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An Overture from the Classis of Monmouth, in relation to extending the power of the Classes to license candidates, was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An Overture from the Particular Synod of Albany, and another from the Classis of Ulster, in relation to the reorganization of the Board of Superintendents, were received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

An Overture from the Classis of Ulster, in relation to a reduction of the expenses of the Boards, was received and referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. T. W. Chambers, J. N. Voorhis, and Elders J. B. Jewett, D. W. Rapalje and J. L. Ryder.

A Communication from Rev. Prof. T. Romeyn Beck, resigning his position as teacher in the Theological Seminary at Hope College, was received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A Communication from Rev. Professors Woodbridge and De Witt, in relation to an old indebtedness for refurnishing Hertzog Hall, was received and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

An application for a dispensation on behalf of Mr. F. J. Bakker, a student in Hope College, was received from the Classis of Michigan, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An application from Rev. T. W. Chambers, and Rev. J. W. Geyer, on behalf of Mr. Louis Wolfers, for a dispensation allowing him to appear before the Classis of New York, for examination with a view to his licensure, was received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An invitation from Mr. Gardner A. Sage, through Rev. Prof. De Witt, to attend the dedication of the Gardner A. Sage Library Hall, on Friday, was received and accepted with the thanks of the Synod.

An invitation was presented by Rev. W. W. Halloway, Jr., to the Synod, on behalf of the Reformed Churches of Jersey City, to attend a Social Reception, on Friday evening, at Kepler Hall, which was accepted with thanks.

An invitation was received from the Young Men's Christian Association to visit and make use of their rooms at any time; also to attend a Union prayer meeting on Sabbath afternoon; which was accepted with thanks.

A Communication was received from Mr. Peter R. Warner, resigning his position as President of the Board of Direction, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

A Communication was received from Prof. C. E. Crispell, in relation to his professorship of Theology at Hope College, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

An application for a dispensation on behalf of Mr. Charles W. Higgins was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A Communication was received (by telegraph) from the Pastor and Consistory of the Second Church of Kingston, inviting the Synod to hold its next regular session in that church. The invitation was accepted unanimously.

A Communication from Professors Woodbridge, Demarest and De Witt, complaining of delays in the payment of their salaries, was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The Annual Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, together with the Treasurer's Annual Account, Annual Digest, Education Fund Income Account, Widows' Fund Account, Widows' Fund Income Account, Hope College Endowment Fund, Hope College Income Account, Disabled Ministers' Fund Account, list of Endowed Scholarships, list of Securities belonging to General Synod, list of Real Estate belonging to General Synod, Expense Account, Estimate of Expenses for the current year, Van Benschoten Fund Account, Knox Fund Account, was received, and the Report and documents were referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, except such papers as related to Education, and to the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, which were referred to the Committees on those subjects respectively.

The following is the Report of the Board :

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

The Board of Direction of General Synod would report :

That there has been received toward the endowment of the Permanent Seminary Fund :

From Eugene Van Rensselaer, the sum of five thousand dollars, and the bond of Peter Cortelyou for twenty-five hundred dollars; and, toward the endowment of "The Thomas De Witt Professorship," the sum of five thousand seven hundred and fifteen dollars. And, as directed by the last Synod, there has been paid from said Fund, the sum of one thousand and twenty-seven dollars and three cents for repairs to the Professorial residences.

And that there has been appropriated from said Fund for the use of the Hertzog Hall Committee, by the vote of a majority of the Board of Direction, the sum of ten thousand dollars, being the legacy of the late Jacob H. Ten Eyck, for the Theological Seminary, which on its receipt had been added to said Fund, and so reported to the Synod; the sum of five thousand dollars of said appropriation has been paid to the Treasurer of the Committee.

There has been received from Gardner A. Sage, twenty thousand dollars, which, with thirty thousand dollars reported last year, makes the total sum of \$50,000 received toward the erection of a fire-proof library building adjacent to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., known as "The Gardner A. Sage Library."

WIDOWS' FUND.

This Fund amounts to \$38,631.02. The collections from Churches and individuals during the past year amount to \$1,479.27. Annuities have been paid from the Fund for the six months ending May 1st and Nov. 1st, 1874, amounting in the aggregate to \$2,325.77. One annual subscriber has withdrawn from the Fund the proportion of the amount of his former subscriptions to which he was entitled by the rules of the Fund.

HOPE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

There has been received for this Fund during the year, \$50, and the Fund now amounts to \$19,319.83.

The Board would call the attention of the Synod to the state of the "Vedder Lecture Fund." Within the past year only six months' interest on said Fund, amounting to \$350, has been received, with no prospect of any further interest thereon at present.

In consequence of the defect, there will not be the sum on hand to pay Professor Lewis for his series of Lectures under the Fund, which he had been led to expect when rendering the services required by his appointment, and the Board would suggest that Synod make arrangements by which the deficiency may be promptly secured and paid over.

In accordance with the resolution of the Synod, a consent has been executed by order of the Board of Direction to the Reformed Church in Thirty-fourth Street, to mortgage their church and land on which it stands for \$10,000.

The term of service of the Rev. Mancius S. Hutton will expire at this meeting of the Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. R. WARNER, *President.*

M. S. HUTTON,	}	<i>Directors.</i>
JOHN VAN NEST,		
GARDNER A. SAGE,		

New York, May 26th, 1875.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

*The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America in
account with JOHN I. BROWER, Treasurer.*

1874.		Dr.	
May	11	To Cash paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Building Committee of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, eleven thousand dollars, toward expenses in erecting a fire-proof library building adjacent to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, known as "the Gardner A. Sage Library".....	\$11,000
	18	paid Annuities from the Widows' Fund for the six months ending 1st inst.....	1,196 25
		paid the Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, as follows, viz:	
		for six months' interest to 1st inst. on amount of invested scholarships.....	\$3,482 09
		for six months' interest to 1st inst. on Parochial School Fund....	374 40
		for balance of six months' interest to 1st inst. on Hope College Endowment Fund.	311 57
	27	paid appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	4,168 06
		paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., for one quarter's salary, due this day....	1,950
June	1	paid Corresponding Delegates for traveling expenses	1,010 78
		paid Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, for traveling expenses.....	161 48
	8	paid Salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, and expenses.....	368
		paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., Stated Clerk of General Synod, for blank Minute Book, etc.....	29 40
			20 83
		Carried forward	\$19,904 80

1874.	Dr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$19,904 80
June 10	To Cash paid Insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	183 75
	paid Insurance on the Library in said Hall..	60
22	paid expenses of the meeting of General Synod.....	57 31
	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Building Committee of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, toward expenses in the erection of "the Gardner A. Sage Library," as follows:	
26	Ten thousand dollars.....	\$10,000
27	Ten thousand dollars.....	10,000
		20,000
July 2	paid insurance on three Professorial dwellings.....	90
3	deposited in the United States Trust Co....	5,910 40
11	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary, for one quarter's salary due on the 1st of June last, viz :	
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....	\$750
	" John DeWitt, D.D.....	750
	" Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.,	750
		2,250
15	paid the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co. for fifth instalment on five shares of the new stock of said Company.....	75
17	paid Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D.D., for delivering a Course of Lectures before the Students of the Theological Seminary and the Students of Rutgers College at New Brunswick, N. J., on "The Present Aspect of Modern Infidelity, including its cause and cure".....	700
23	paid appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	200
28	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, five thousand dollars, being a portion of the Legacy of Ten Thousand Dollars bequeathed by the will of Jacob H. Ten Eyck, deceased, to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.; the amount of said bequest having formerly been carried to the Permanent Seminary Fund, and now set aside by the Board of Direction as a fund to be drawn upon by said Committee for extensive repairs to said Theological Hall.....	5,000
Aug. 4	paid amount loaned on Bond and Mortgage..	6,000
20	paid Insurance on furniture and library in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	67 50
28	paid bill for printing 450 copies revised Liturgy, sent to Consistories for examination,	75 42
	Carried forward.....	\$60,574 18

1874.	Dr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$60,574 18
Aug. 31	To Cash paid annuity from the Widows' Fund.....	72 50
Sept. 1	paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., for one quarter's salary, due this day.....	1,050
7	paid appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	200
10	paid Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D., Financial Agent, for commission on amount collected by him toward the endowment of "The Thomas DeWitt Professorship".....	53 60
24	paid Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., for expenses in collecting funds toward the endowment of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich....	75
	paid appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	250
25	paid insurance on buildings connected with Hope College, Mich.....	18 50
30	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst., viz:	
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....\$750	
	" John DeWitt, D.D..... 750	
	" Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.. 750	
		2,250
Oct. 15	paid Insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall	123 25
	paid for printing 250 copies of the Annual Report of the Board of Direction and Treasurer's Annual Account.....	15 95
17	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, amounts received on account of Legacies of James Suydam, deceased, as follows, viz:	
	on Legacy of \$20,000, for repairs and improvements of the buildings and grounds of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J. ....\$700	
	on Legacy of \$20,000, for the maintenance and support of the James Suydam Hall..... 700	
	being equivalent to six months' interest on amounts of said Legacies, and paid in accordance with resolution of the Board of Direction.. -----	1,400
27	paid amount loaned on Bond and Mortgage..	8,000
Nov. 4	paid appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	100
10	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod.....	250
12	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, as follows, viz:	
	Carried forward.....	\$74,432 98

1874.	Dr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$74,432 98
Nov. 12	To Cash for six months' interest to 1st inst. on amount of Invested Scholar- ships \$3,000 for six months' interest to 1st inst. on Hope College Endowment Fund..... 575 for six months' interest to 1st inst. on Parochial School Fund, \$425, less installment paid on five shares of the new stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., \$75..... 350	
		3,925
16	paid Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., for one year's salary as Permanent Clerk of Gen- eral Synod.....	100
	paid annuities from the Widows' Fund for the six months ending 1st inst.....	1 031 25
18	paid Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D., Financial Agent, for commission on amount collected by him toward the endowment of "The Thomas LeWitt Professorship".....	8
23	paid amount of loan on Bond and Mortgage.	5,000
25	paid on account of appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	30
28	paid Insurance on the James Suydam Hall	316 50
	paid appropriation from the Disabled Minis- ters' Fund.....	200
30	paid interest on Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog	687 83
	paid on account of interest on a portion of note of Mrs. Mary W. Board.....	87 81
Dec. 1	paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., for one quarter's salary, due this day.....	1,050
	paid Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., interest on the Endowment Fund of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich., for salary as Professor, being in accordance with resolution of General Synod.....	14 38
11	paid amount loaned on Bond and Mortgage.	6,000
	paid amount loaned on Bond and Mortgage.	2,000
14	paid for salary of the Janitor of the Hertzog Hall \$100, and for fuel \$20.....	120
15	paid appropriation from the Disabled Minis- ters' Fund.....	100
31	paid amt withdrawn from the Widows' Fund	60
	paid the following Professors in the Theolog- ical Seminary on account of the quarter's salary due 1st inst., viz: Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D. \$250 " John De Witt, D.D..... 250 " Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D... 250	
		750
	Carried forward.....	\$95,913 75

1874.	Dr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$95,913 75
Dec. 31	To Cash paid Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, D.D. for services and expenses as Financial Secretary.	302 50
1875.		
Jan. 19	paid annuity from the Widows' Fund.....	25 77
20	paid appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund—\$100—\$50.....	150
29	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary, balance of the quarter's salary due on the 1st of December last, viz:	
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....\$500	
	“ John De Witt, D.D..... 500	
	“ Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.. 500	
		1,500
Feb. 2	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, amounts received on account of bequests of J. Suydam, deceased, as follows, viz:	
	on bequest of \$20,000, for repairs and improvements of the buildings and grounds of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick. \$700	
	on bequest of \$20,000, for the maintenance and support of the James Suydam Hall.... 700	
	being equivalent to six months' interest on said bequests, and paid in accordance with resolution of the Board of Direction.....	1,400
23	paid on account of appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	25
26	paid Board of Domestic Missions, per John R. Smith, Treasurer, proceeds of the sale of “Hymns of the Church,” for the Church Building Fund.....	106 16
	paid amount loaned on Bond and Mortgage, deposited in the New York Life Insurance and Trust Co., \$2,500 and \$3 500.....	1,000
March 3	paid amount loaned on Bond and Mortgage.....	3,000
5	paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.....	890
6	paid one year's interest on the donation of Col. Henry Rutgers of \$5,000.....	350
11	paid Rev. David Cole, D.D., expenses in attending the meeting of the Council of Hope College, under appointment of General Synod.....	73
12	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, balance due for repairs to the Professorial houses on the 4th March, 1874.....	1,027 03
	Carried forward.....	\$111,763 21

1875.	Dr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$111,763 21
April 10	To Cash deposited in the New York Life Insurance and Trust Co.....	6,000
14	paid Insurance on Hope College, Mich.....	93 75
16	paid Insurance on three Professorial houses.....	67 50
24	paid balance of appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	20
29	paid the following Professors in the Theological Seminary, on account of the quarter's salary due March 1st, viz: Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D..... \$400 " John De Witt, D.D. 400 " Samuel Woodbridge, D.D..... 400	1,200
30	paid Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., for expenses in collecting funds toward the endowment of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich...	100
30	paid John I. Brower, as follows: for one year's salary as Treasurer of General Synod..... \$1,000 for postage, stationery, &c. ... 42 76	1,042 76
	This amount apportioned to the following Funds, as per Resolution of General Synod, viz: Permanent Seminary Fund.... \$343 40 Education Fund..... 228 79 Widows' Fund..... 254 92 Permanent Contingent Fund... 5 54 Hope College Endowment Fund. 50 11 James Suydam Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology 160	
	\$1,042 76	120,287 22
May 1	To Balance on hand carried forward.....	5,244 18
		\$125,531 40

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May 1	By Balance from last account.....	\$20,141 38
26	By Cash received from Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D., Financial Agent, toward payment of the debt of General Synod.....	10
June 23	from Rev. John De Witt, D.D., amount col- lected by him toward the endowment of "The Thomas De Witt Professorship," in the Theological Seminary at New Bruns- wick, N. J.....	2,200
25	from Gardner A. Sage, toward the erection of a fire-proof Library Building adjacent to the Theological Seminary at New Bruns- wick, N. J., known as "The Gardner A. Sage Library," as follows, viz: Ten thousand dollars, being the balance due on his note of \$40,000 .....\$10,000 Ten thousand dollars, in addition to the \$40,000 received in pay- ment of his note..... 10,000	20,000
July 1	from the Executors of the Estate of James Suydam, deceased, on account of Legacies bequeathed by will of said deceased to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, as follows, viz: on Legacy of \$30,000, for the ben- efit of the Disabled Ministers of said Church or their families... \$1,050 on Legacy of \$20,000, for the erec- tion of a dwelling for the use of the James Suydam Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology 700 on Legacy of \$20,000, for the main- tenance and support of the James Suydam Hall..... 700 on Legacy of \$20,000, for repairs and improvements of the build- ings and grounds of the Theo- logical Seminary at New Bruns- wick, N. J..... 700	3,150
18	from Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D., Financial Agent, amount collected by him toward the endowment of "The Thomas De Witt Professorship".....	500
27	from United States Trust Company, amount of deposit withdrawn from New York Life Insurance and Trust Co., amount of deposit withdrawn.....	7,500 2,000
Sept. 2	from Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D., Financial Agent, amount collected by him toward endowment of the "Thomas De Witt Pro- fessorship".....	170
	Carried forward.....	\$55,671 38

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		Brought forward.....	\$55,671 38
Oct.	5	By Cash from Rev John De Witt, D.D., amount collected by him toward the endowment of "The Thomas De Witt Professorship"....	2,625
	27	from the United States Trust Co., amount of deposits withdrawn \$6 500 and \$1,500....	8,000
Nov.	4	from Rev. Benj'n C. Taylor, D.D., toward endowment of the "Thomas De Witt Professorship".....	20
	16	from United States Trust Co., amount of deposit withdrawn.....	5,910 40
	18	from Rev. John A. Lausing, D.D., Financial Agent, amount collected by him toward endowment of "The Thomas De Witt Professorship".....	100
Dec.	3	from Eugene Van Rensselaer, Esq., in payment of his note toward endowment of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.....	5,000
	10	from two Insurance Companies, return premium of Insurance on Library in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	16 10
	21	from Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, D.D., in payment of his note toward endowment of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.....	250
1875.		on account of Legacies of James Suydam, deceased, to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, as follows :	
Jan.	2	on Legacy of \$30,000, for the benefit of the Disabled Ministers of said Church or their families... \$1,050	
		on Legacy of \$20,000, for the erection of a dwelling for the use of the James Suydam Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology	700
		on Legacy of \$20,000, for the maintenance and support of the James Suydam Hall	700
		on Legacy of \$20,000, for repairs and improvements of the buildings and grounds of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.....	700
			3,150
Feb.	10	from Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., Chairman of Synod's Committee on Hymnology, proceeds of the sale of "Hymns of the Church," for the Church Building Fund...	106 16
	16	from John A. Hardenbergh, in payment of his note for the Library of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.....	2,500
March	4	for proceeds of foreclosure of Mortgage. ...	6,000
Carried forward.....			\$89,349 04

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	Brought forward.....	\$89,349 04
March 29	By Cash from Rev. David S Sutphen, toward the endowment of "The Thomas De Witt Professorship".....	100
	received for interest on Bonds, Notes, &c., during the year, viz:	
	1874.	
	May.....	\$3,685
	June.....	1,112 50
	July.....	924 89
	August.....	3,980 11
	September.....	1,267
	October.....	2,240 70
	November.....	3,895
	December.....	1,844 50
	1875.	
	January.....	182 50
	February.....	3,337 50
	March.....	1,975 45
	April.....	3,361 29
	".....	677 28
		28,483 72
	received from the following Classes during the year, for contingent expenses of General Synod, viz:	
	Classis of Philadelphia.....	\$64 42
		68 56
		132 98
	Greene.....	30 55
		31 86
		62 41
	Montgomery.....	27 70
		70
		50 35
		148 05
	Bergen.....	30
		15 64
		45 64
	Saratoga.....	34 30
	Schenectady.....	52 55
	Holland.....	46 05
	Kingston.....	46 55
	Cayuga.....	29 05
	Passaic.....	42 33
	Orange.....	80 63
	South Classis of Bergen.....	34 03
	Classis of New York.....	105 05
	Raritan.....	66 21
	Westchester.....	39 09
	Michigan.....	12 36
	Grand River.....	37 95
	New Brunswick.....	49 36
	So. Classis of Long Island... 73 14	
		77 94
		151 08
	Carried forward.....	\$117,932 76

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Brought forward		\$117,932 76
By Cash received from—		
Classis of Rensselaer.....	\$43 22	
Schoharie	21 16	
Ulster	42 03	
Albany	64 55	
Hudson	39 34	
North Long Island.....	65 37	
Geneva.....	28	
Newark	47 37	
Monmouth.....	25 66	
Paramus	56 18	
	31 84	
	88 02	
		1,680 39
received on account of the assessment of \$4,000. for contingent expenses and defi- ciency of income combined, made in June, 1871, by direction of the General Synod:		
Classis of Montgomery.....		93 33
received on account of the assessment of \$20,000, made by the General Synod in June, 1864, for the purpose of increasing the Permanent Fund, viz:		
from S. Classis of Bergen.....	125 50	
	61 99	
	50 97	
	238 46	
from Classis of Paramus.....	45	
	8 80	
	53 80	
from Classis of Montgomery.....	60 27	
		352 53
received from the following persons for their subscriptions made in June, 1873, for meet- ing the deficiency in the income of General Synod, viz:		
Rev. Luther H. Van Doren, balance. \$25		
" Philip Furbeck.....	15	
" Martin L. Berger	100	
and interest.....	3 10	
" S. T. Searle.....	20	
" J. B. Campbell, balance... ..	10	
		173 10
received for the Widows' Fund during the year, as follows, viz:		
from Mrs. E. Jones.....	\$5	
" Ref. Church, Prattsville, N. Y.	3 62	
" " on Washington Square, New York.....	30	
" " Fonda	30	
" " Colt's Neck, N. J.....	5	
" " Bronxville.....	32 60	
" " South Holland, Ill.....	5	
Carried forward.....		\$120,232 11

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Brought forward	\$120,232 11
By Cash from Ref. Church, Mount Vernon, N.Y. \$21 99	
" " Bushnell, Ill.	2 35
" " Blooming Grove, Rens-	
selaer Co.	5 20
" " of Geneva.	6 09
" " Stuyvesant	7 74
First Ref. Church, Kingston.	22 28
Knox Memorial Chapel, New York. .	6 55
Ref. Church of Tyre	3 60
" " Nyack	14 60
First Ref. Church, Brooklyn.	59 91
Second Ref. Church, Freehold.	24 60
Ref. Church, Utica.	73
Mrs. Elizabeth Jones	5
Ref. Church of Readington.	8 30
" " Astoria, L. I.	7 80
Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer.	15
Ref. Church, Naumburgh, N. Y.	2 35
" " Six Mile Run	15
Collegiate Ref. Dutch Church, New	
York	186 86
Ref. Church, Bushnell, Ill.	1 95
Second Ref. Church, Cossackie.	4 21
Ref. Church, Sayville, L. I.	5 70
" " Berea, Orange Co.	4
" " Port Richmond, S. I.	15
Second Ref. Church, Poughkeepsie. .	28 07
First Ref. Church, Poughkeepsie. . .	46 18
Ref. Church, Flatlands.	11 34
" " Lafayette, N. J.	13
" " Nyack	13 25
" " Wyckoff, N. J.	4 05
" " Bushnell, Ill.	1 30
First Ref. Church, Glenville, N. Y. .	5
Ref. Church, Fultonville	7 10
German Evangelical Mission Church,	
Houston Street, New York.	10
Ref. Church, Middleburgh, N. Y. . . .	4 80
" " Jerusalem, N. Y.	3 15
German Ref. Church, West Newark. .	1
Ref. Church, Plattekill.	7
" " Holmdel, N. J.	15 85
" " Long Branch.	7 64
" " Middleburgh, N. Y.	2 50
" " Canajoharie.	10
" " Nyack	20 72
" " Gravesend, L. I.	9 72
" " North and Southampton .	5
" " New Lots, L. I.	6 50
" " Jamaica, "	14 46
Second Ref. Church New Brunswick	13 54
Ref. Church, Cold Spring.	5 21
Carried forward.	\$120,232 11

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Brought forward	\$120,232 11
By Cash, German Evangelical Church, Brooklyn, E. D.	\$3
Ref. Church, Rocky Hill, N. J.	5 03
" Castleton, N. Y.	5
North Ref. Church, Passaic.	21 20
Ref. Church, Flatbush Ulster Co.	8
Second Ref. Church, Newark, N. J.	11
Ref. Church, Colt's Neck, N. J.	5
Second Ref. Church, Claverack	10 13

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received for the Widows' Fund during the year, where \$20 of each amount is to apply to the credit of Pastors, as follows:

from First Holland Ref. Church, Paterson, Rev. James Huyssoon, Pastor	20
from Ref. Church of Oyster Bay, Rev. M. Swick, Pastor.	20
from Ref. Church, Fairview, Ill., Rev. J. S. Jorammon, Pastor.	20
from Third Ref. Church Jersey City, Rev. J. Howard Suydam, Pastor.	20
from Ref. Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, Rev. David Inglis, D.D., Pastor	50 90
from First Ref. Church, Pella, Iowa, Rev. Egbert Winter, Pastor.	20
from Ref. Church, English Neighborhood, Rev. A. B. Taylor, Pastor.	20
from Ref. Church, Readington, N. J., Rev. John H. Smock, Pastor.	20
from First Ref. Church, Holland, Rev. R. Pieters, Pastor.	20
from Broadway Ref. Church, Paterson, Rev. Wm. H. Clark, Pastor.	20
from First Ref. Church, New Brunswick, Rev. Richard H. Steele, D.D., Pastor.	23 73
from Ref. Church, New Utrecht, L.I., Rev. David S. Sutphen, Pastor.	20
from Ref. Church, Addisville, Pa., Rev. Isaac Collier, Pastor.	20
from Ref. Church, Flatbush, L. I., Rev. C. L. Wells, Pastor.	20
from Ref. Church of Acquackanonk, Rev. John Gaston, D.D., Pastor.	20
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from Ref. Church, Niskayuna, \$13 10	
" " Lisha's Kill, 21 50	
Rev. J. A. DeBaun, Pastor.	34 60
from Ref. Church of Yonkers, Rev. David Cole, D.D., Pastor	25
from Ref. Church, Branchville, N. J., Rev. Wm. Pitcher, Pastor.	20

Carried forward..... \$124,197 15

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Brought forward.....	\$121,197 15
By Cash from Ref. Church, Fairfield, N. J., Rev. E. N. Sebring, Pastor.....	\$20
from Ref. Church, New Paltz, Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., Pastor.....	20
from Ref. Church, Thirty-fourth Street, New York, Rev. Isaac Riley, Pastor	20
from Ref. Church, Leeds, N. Y., Rev. B. Van Zandt, D.D., Pastor.....	20
	514 23
received from the following Clergymen dur- ing the year, for their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz:	
Rev. B. C. Lippincott.....	\$20
David D. Demarest, D.D.....	20
Wm. P. De Jonge.....	20
Stephen Searle.....	20
Paul D. Van Cleef, D.D.....	20
Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D....	20
James R. Talmage, D.D.....	20
George H. Peeke \$20, interest 70 cents.....	20 70
John Gardner.....	20
John H. Duryea, D.D.....	20
Isaac S. Demund, D.D.....	20
E. Vedder.....	20
Francis M. Bogardus.....	20
Cyril Spaulding.....	20
N. H. Dosker.....	20
B. C. Lippincott.....	20
A. J. Sebring.....	20
Wm. G. E. See, \$20, \$20, and interest \$2 10.....	42 10
John A. Lansing, D.D.....	20
H. W. F. Jones.....	20
A. H. Bechtold.....	20
	442 80
received for the Disabled Ministers' Fund during the year, as follows, viz:	
from the Holland Ref. Church, New York.....	\$8 18
from Ref. Church, Prattsville, N. Y....	3 63
" " on Washington Square, New York.....	30
" " Marbletown.....	12 15
Third Ref. Church, Jersey City.....	3 09
Ref. Church, Syracuse.....	18 59
" on the Heights, Brooklyn..	50 90
" Fonda.....	40
" Colt's Neck, N. J.....	5
" South Holland, Ill.....	5
" Mount Vernon, N. Y.....	21 99
" Bushnell, Ill.....	2 30
Carried forward.....	\$122,154 18

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Brought forward.....	\$122,154 18
By Cash from Blooming Grove, Rensselaer Co., \$5 20	
Ref. Church, Geneva.....	6 09
First Ref. Church, Kingston.....	22 28
Ref. Church, New Prospect.....	5 85
Knox Memorial Chapel, New York..	6 55
Ref. Church, Port Jervis.....	23
“ Owasco Outlet.....	1 80
“ Nyack.....	9 45
First Ref. Church, Brooklyn.....	59 92
North Ref. Church, Newark.....	33 54
Ref. Church, Utica.....	60
Broadway Ref. Church, Paterson...	16 45
Ref. Church, English Neighborhood..	15
“ Readington.....	8 30
“ Lodi.....	8 45
“ Astoria, L. I.....	7 80
Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer...	15
Second Ref. Church, Glenville, N. Y.,	3 35
Ref. Church, Six Mile Run.....	10 05
Collegiate Ref. Dutch Ch. New York	186 86
Ref. Church of Constantine.....	5 31
“ North and Southampton,	
Pa.....	6
Ref. Church, Bushnell, Ill.....	4 75
First Reformed Church, Van Voorst,	
Jersey City.....	9 25
Second “ Cossackie.....	4 21
Ref. Church, Sayville, L. I.....	5 35
“ Berea, Orange Co.....	4
First Ref. Church, New Brunswick..	23
Ref. Church, Port Richmond, S. I...	20
“ Flatlands, L. I.....	5
Second Ref. Church, Poughkeepsie...	28 08
Ref. Church, Lafayette, N. J.....	12
“ Pompton.....	22 14
“ Nyack.....	10 75
“ Wyckoff, N. J.....	4 05
“ Bushnell, Ill.....	2 60
First Ref. Church, Glenville, N. Y....	10
Ref. Church, Fultonville.....	7 10
German Evangelical Mission Church,	
Houston Street, N. Y.....	15
Ref. Church, Middleburgh, N. Y.....	4 80
First Ref. Church, Grand Rapids...	8 56
Ref. Church, Jerusalem, N. Y.....	3 15
German Ref. Church, West Newark .	1
First Ref. Church, New Town, L. I...	15 52
Deal Sabbath School of the Ref. Church	
of Long Branch.....	6 66
Ref. Church, Flatbush, L. I.....	10 28
“ Holmdel, N. J.....	12 70
“ Middleburgh, N. Y.....	2 50
Carried forward.....	\$122,154 18

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Brought forward.....		\$122,154 18
By Cash from Ref. Church, Paramus	\$15 85	
" Naumburgh, N. Y.	1 75	
" Yonkers	19	
" Canajoharie	10	
" New Paltz	4 71	
" 34th Street, N. Y.	20	
" Dashville Falls	2 76	
" Nyack	8 02	
" Gravesend, L. I.	9 73	
" Green Point, L. I.	6	
" Guilderland Centre	14	
" New Lots	6 50	
" Jamaica, L. I.	14 46	
Second Ref. Church, New Brunswick.	13 54	
First Ref. Church, Claverack	15 69	
" " Astoria, L. I.	5	
Ref. Church, Harlem	26 29	
German Evangelical Church, Brooklyn, E. D.	3	
Ref. Church, Rocky Hill, N. J.	6 35	
" Castleton	17 50	
North Ref. Church, Passaic	15 20	
Ref. Church, Flatbush, Ulster Co.	8 25	
" Colt's Neck, N. J.	5	
Second Ref. Church, Claverack	10 12	
Ref. Church, Bergen Point	30	
		1,258 25
received for the Endowment Fund of Hope College:		
from Ref. Church, Washington Square, N.Y.		50
Rev. C. E. Crispell, D. D., amount collected by him toward the Endowment of the Pro- fessorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich., as follows, viz:		
P. A. Gardinier	20	
Ref. Church of Chatham	20 22	
Jacob Tenbroek	5	
Mary Adelaide Vinson	5	
Sarah Benham	100	
John C. Benham, M. D.	50	
Linlithgow Church, S. S. collection	10	
Cash (Hudson)	20	
Elijah Thomas	5	
Joseph Clark	5	
Mr. Halsey	2	
W. H. Ten Broek	1	
Henry Pierson	1	
Mrs. Elliott	1	
Mr. Elliott	1	
Rev. J. B. Campbell (in part)	1	
Rev. A. T. Stewart (in part)	25	
Relief, per E. H. Griffith, Castleton	100	
Sabbath School, Castleton	25	
Carried forward		\$123,462 43

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Brought forward.....	\$123,462 43
By Cash from L. A. Schermerhorn	\$10
Ref. Church of Castleton.....	13 82
Hiram W. Maston.....	5
Geo. W. Conklin.....	5
Rev. George A. Mills	5
James T. Dubois.....	100
Sabbath School at White School House, near Castleton.....	4 36
Rev. A. J. Sebring	4 75
Second Ref. Church of Claverack ...	15 25
J. C. Hogeboom.....	40
Edward Stickles	15
Rev. P. Van Wyck.....	10
Rev. Thos S. Dusingherre.....	10
received from the Ref. Church of Flatlands: George Lott, \$25; W. Williamson Kouwenhoven, \$20; Richard Remsen, 15; Jeremiah Ryder 15; Peter Lott, 10; Corne- lius Kouwenhoven, 10; T. S. Rem- sen, 10; Cash, 10; John B. Hen- drickson & Son, 10; A. Hubbard, 10; Mrs. J. L. Bergen, 5; Henry Suydam, 5; Letty Ryder, 1; Jere- miah Bergen, 5; V. Overbaugh, 5; J. J. Ryder 2; W. J. Wyckoff, 5; Mrs. Garret Williamson, 1; Abra- ham Hegeman, 5; Simeon J. Brown, 3; Mrs. A. Kouwenhoven, 1; Nic- olas Van Dyke, 1; J. W. Van Dyke, 1; A. Voorhees, 1; J. Van Wyck, 2; Wm. W. Kouwenhoven, 2; John Ditmas, 5; George Kouwenhoven, 4; Elizabeth Johnson, 5; Mrs. John J. Hegeman, 5; Mrs. John B. Kou- wenhoven, 1; Samuel Lott, 2; John C. Vanderveer, 1; Mrs. Albert Lott, 1; Mrs. R. Lott, 1; Mrs. Wyckoff, 1; Mrs. Peter Remsen, 5; R. Rem- sen, 1; Mrs. W. Kouwenhoven, 5; Mrs. G. S. Kouwenhoven, 1; Wm. G. Kouwenhoven, 5; Mrs. John Wyckoff, 5; Mrs. Oliver Ryder, 1; Mrs. Peter De Baun, 5; Jackson L. Ryder 1; Jerome L. Bergen, 1; Mrs. George Wyckoff, 2; Mrs. Gasha Lott, 5; John A. Voorhees, 5; Smith Watts, 1; Nicholas W. Brown, 5; John L. Williamson, 2; Mrs. Anna G. Du Bois, 5; Louis Anson Du Bois, 2; Arthur Du Bois, 1; Henry R. Du Bois, 1;	900 40
Carried forward.....	\$123,462 43

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Brought forward	\$123,462 43
By Cash from B. Clapper.	\$5
Mrs. B. Clapper.	5
Miss H. A. Van Slyke	2
Ref. Church of Rhinebeck, viz: Rev. A. Payne Peeke, \$25; Abm. Bergh Kip, 25; Wm. R. Schell, 20; Geo. Esselstyn and Wife, 20; Miss C. Schell, 15; Wm. B. Platt, 10; Ed- win Hill, 10; Jas. H. Wynkoop, 10; J. H. Baldwin, 10; J. J. Hagar, 5; N. B. Kilmer, 1; R. C. Barten, 1; S. Welch, 1; E. Styles, 2; Mrs. J. H. Staats, 3; Miss Kip, 1 50; Alfred Drury, 2; D. H. Schryver, 1; Mrs. H. Radcliff, 5; Mrs. E. Van Wage- nen, 5; Miss Margaret Snyder, 1; the Misses Hutton, 5; Mrs. S. Fonda, 5; Rev. Harrison Heer- mance, 5; Church collection, 11.58.200 08	
Ref. Church of Port Jervis, viz: Mrs. Eltinge Cuddeback, 5; Cash, 1; Ben. Van Fliet, 1; Nathan Skinner, 5; Mrs. Wm. J. Bell, 5; John S. West- brook, 5; Levi Van Etten, 1; Mrs. Sarah Wheeler, 1.	24
First Reformed Church, Kingston, in part: Friends of and in the Church, \$100; J. H. Tremper, 25; J. G. Van Keuren, 1; Robert Wilson, 1; J. S. Burhans, 5; B. L. Brodhead, 5; J. H. Eltinge, Jun., 5	142
Ref. Church, Linlithgow, additional: Sabbath School, \$15; J. Best, 1; the Misses Van Deusen, 5; James N. Van Deusen, 4.	25
Ref. Church of Greenport, additional: Frederick D. Gardner.	5
Ref. Church, New Paltz, in part ...	170 85
Rev. A. T. Stewart, D.D., additional.	75
from Rev. J. W. Beardslee.	50
Rev. J. B. Drury.	50
James C. Campbell ..	10
Hon. A. Bruyn Hasbrouck, LL.D. ...	100
Ref. Church, Piermont, \$50; Elisha Winter, \$1.	51
A. J. Heermance, of R. Ch. Rhinebeck	50
S. O. Potts, of Ref. Ch. Linlithgow ...	25
Frank Erzinger, of Ref. Ch. Flatlands.	5
Carried forward.	\$123,462 43

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	Brought forward.....	\$123.462 43
	By Cash from Ref. Ch. East Greenbush, in part 8 34	
	Reformed Church, Nassau, viz: Geo. Payne, 1; Ryer Hermans, 5; J. D. Shufelt, 1; S. Van Valkenburg, 5; Rev. Mr. Tomb, 1; Thos. Lape, 1; J. P. Barringer, 2; Albert Hoyt, 1; Wm. A. Smith, 5; G. R. Westfall, 2; Gilbert Westfall, 2; Merchant, 1; H. Van der Carr 1; C. H. Van der Carr, 50c; Miss Ann Smith, 1; Mrs. Husted, 50c; Kate Hyser, 1; Collection, 5 30; Sabbath School, 14; additional 15..	65 30
	Mrs. Francis Marvin of Port Jervis..	100
		2,068 97
		<u>\$125,531 40</u>
May 1	By Balance on hand brought forward.....	<u>\$ 5,244 18</u>

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK. May 1st, 1875.

The subscribers, a committee appointed to examine the accounts of JOHN I. BROWER, Treasurer, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand of Fifty-two hundred and forty-four dollars and eighteen cents.

JOHN VAN NEST,
GARDNER A. SAGE,
Committee.

New York, May 26, 1875.

Annual Digest.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

THE VAN BENSCHUTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, amounted on 1st April, 1875, to \$20,313.57
which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the State of New Jersey.

There has been paid to students, etc., out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	1,064
Cash on hand April 1st, 1875.....	1,487.08
	1,487.08

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages in the State of New Jersey, is	\$2,000
There has been paid to students, out of the income of this Fund, during the year.	150
Balance on hand April 1st, 1875	442.52
	442.52

EDUCATION FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc .	\$88,900
Balance of principal April 30th, 1875....	37.16
Balance of interest received to April 30th, 1875.....	3,530.99
	3,530.99

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds, secured by mortgages, etc.	\$10,000
And twenty shares of the capital stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., par value	2,000
	2,000

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds, secured by mortgages, etc.	\$38,600
Balance of principal April 30th, 1875.....	31.02
There has been paid to Annuitants, out of the income of this Fund, during the year.....	2,325.77
Balance on hand April 30th, 1875.....	<u>1,522.40</u>

PERMANENT SEMINARY FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested for General Fund.....	\$104,524.33
Fourth Professorial Fund.....	30,537.66
Thomas De Witt Professorship.....	5,715
James Suydam Professorial Fund.....	60,000
Donation of Colonel Henry Rutgers, deceased, held in trust for Rutgers College.....	5,000
Balance of Fund not invested.	30,681.51
	<u>\$236,458.50</u>

Twenty-three shares of the Bergen Turnpike stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College.

Amount of subscriptions to the Permanent Fund, upon which interest is received.	\$5,750
Notes received for the Library.....	<u>5,000</u>

HOPE COLLEGE.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds, secured by mortgages, etc., for the endowment of this College.....	\$19,300
Balance of Fund not invested.....	19.83
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1875... ..	<u>658.84</u>

PROFESSORSHIP OF DIDACTIC AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY AT
HOPE COLLEGE.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds, secured by mortgages, etc., for the endowment of this Fund.....	\$2,000
Balance of Fund not invested.....	<u>93.97</u>

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds, secured by mortgages, etc.,	\$11,000
Balance of income on hand April 30th, 1875.....	3,287.21
There has been paid out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	<u>3,225</u>

PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund April 30th, 1875.....	\$2,294.64
Of which is invested	<u>2,200</u>

LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG.

This Legacy, the interest of which is to be applied for repairs to Hertzog Hall, is invested upon bonds secured by mortgages, etc.....	<u>\$10,000</u>
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VEDDER LECTURE FUND.

This Fund is composed of ten bonds of the Toledo & Wabash Rail- way Company, par value.....	\$10,000
Amount of interest on hand April 30th, 1875.....	<u>350</u>

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY.

There has been received for securing a Library, including interest	\$43,624.59
And notes in addition to the amount of.. ..	5,000
And there has been expended for books.....	<u>19,675</u>

JAMES SUYDAM PROFESSORIAL RESIDENCE.

There has been received for interest towards this Fund	\$1,407.76
Of which is invested.....	<u>1,200</u>

ASSETS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER.

Bonds and mortgages, and bonds and notes amounting to.....	\$394,726.99
Railroad bonds.....	12,000
Three Township bonds.....	2,250
Deposits in Trust Companies	22,880.06
Cash on hand	5,244.18
	<u>\$437,101.23</u>
Advances for salaries, contingent expenses, and repairs of resi- dences of Professors, etc., etc	30,608.02
	<u>\$467,709.25</u>

Certificates for twenty shares of the capital stock of the Delaware
& Hudson Canal Co., belonging to the Parochial School Fund.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Received for Minutes, including balance on hand last year.....	\$787.83
Paid for printing Minutes.....	735.70
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Balance on hand.....	\$52.13

P. R. WARNER, *President*.

M. S. HUTTON,	} <i>Directors.</i>
JOHN VAN NEST,	
GARDNER A. SAGE,	

NEW YORK, May 26th, 1875.

Dr.*Expense Account of the General Synod*

1874.				
May	1	To Balance from last account, being advances for salaries, contingent expenses, and repairs on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....		\$30,608 02
June	2	To Cash paid Corresponding Delegates for traveling expenses.....	\$161 48	
	8	paid Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago for traveling expenses	368	
		paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents. \$25; expenses \$4 40	29 40	
		paid for Blank Minute Book, &c....	20 83	
		paid for expenses of Meeting of Synod.....	57 31	
	10	paid for insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	307	
		paid for insurance on the Library and Furniture in said hall.	127 50	
July	2	paid for insurance on three Professorial Dwellings.....	157 50	
	11	paid three Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary due June 1st.....	2,250	
Aug.	28	paid for printing 450 copies revised Liturgy, sent to Consistories for examination	75 42	
Sept.	10	paid Rev. John A. Lansing, D.D., financial agent, commission on amount collected by him toward the endowment of the "Thomas De Witt Professorship"	61 60	
	30	paid three Professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary due 1st inst.....	2,250	
Oct.	15	paid for printing 250 copies of Report of the Board of Direction, and Treasurer's annual account. . . .	15 95	
Nov	10	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod.....	250	
	16	paid Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., for one year's salary as Permanent Clerk of General Synod	100	
	28	paid insurance on the James Suydam Hall.....	316 50	
Dec.	14	paid for salary of the Janitor of the Peter Hertzog Hall \$100, and for fuel \$20	120	
	31	paid three Professors in the Theological Seminary on account of the quarter's salary due 1st inst.....	750	
		paid Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, D.D., for services and expenses as financial secretary.....	302 50	
Carried forward.....			\$7,720 99	\$30,608 02

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1874.			
May	8	By Cash received for interest on Note.....	\$35 57
	26	toward payment of debt of Synod..	10
	27	interest on subscriptions.....	345
July	1	on Rail Road Bond.....	30
	13	on Township Bond.....	22 50
	22	on Bond of Garret G Bergen	15
	23	on Bond of Peter Cortelyou.	87 50
	27	on deposit in Trust Co.....	38 22
Nov.	16	on deposit in Trust Co.....	24 38
Dec.	10	premium of insurance returned.....	16 10
	31	interest on Note.....	52 50
1875.			
Jan.	4	on Rail Road Bond.	30
Feb.	3	on Bond of Peter Cortelyou.	87 50
	23	on Bond.....	35
		received from Classes during the year	
		on assessments.....	1,713 72
		received on subscriptions for meeting	
		the deficiency in the income of	
		General Synod	173 10
		received for interest on Bonds and	
		Mortgages during the year	9,144 79
		Carried forward	\$11,920 88

Dr.*Expense Account of the General Synod*

1875.	Brought forward	\$7,720 99	\$30,608 02
Jan. 29	To Cash paid three Professors in the Theological Seminary, balance of the quarter's salary due Dec. 1st.....	1,500	
March 11	paid Rev. David Cole, D.D., for expenses in attending the meeting of the Council of Hope College, under appointment of General Synod	73	
April 29	paid three Professors in the Theological Seminary on account of the quarter's salary due March 1st...	1,200	
30	paid John I. Brower apportionment of salary as Treasurer.....	343 40	
		\$10,837 39	
	Balance on hand, out of which the balance of the Professors' salaries to 1st March last, amounting to \$1,050, is to be paid.....	1,083 49	
		\$11,920 88	\$30,608 02
May 1	To Balance brought forward.....		\$29,524 53

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1, 1875.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD, MAY 1st, 1875.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

In accordance with resolution of the General Synod, I forward an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised to meet the deficiency in the revenues of Synod for the year commencing May 1st, 1875.

EXPENSES RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Salaries of three Professors.....	\$9,000
Salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, and expenses.....	30
Salary of the Janitor of the Hertzog Theological Hall, and fuel...	120
Salary of the Treasurer of General Synod, apportionment.....	350
Insurance on Hertzog Hall, James Suydam Hall, the Gardner A. Sage Library Building, and Library in said Building, the Professorial dwellings, and on the furniture in Hertzog Hall	900
Repairs... ..	250
Sundries	250
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	\$10,900
Estimated interest to meet the same.....	9,100
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Estimated deficiency.....	\$1,800
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OTHER EXPENSES.

Traveling expenses of Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago.....	\$396
Traveling expenses of Corresponding Delegates.....	300
Salary of Stated Clerk and expenses.....	265
“ of Permanent Clerk and expenses.....	105
Expenses at Meeting of Synod.....	75
Sundries	250
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Estimate to meet the same by assessment on the Classes.....	\$1,391

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1875.

The Committee appointed by the General Synod of last year to secure such legislative action as will restore the Treasurer of General Synod to active membership in the Board of Direction, presented a report, which was received and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

The Committee on the Board of Direction presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on the Board of Direction respectfully report that the following papers have been referred to them for their consideration :

1. The Annual Report of the Board of Direction.
2. The Annual Account of the Treasurer of the Board.
3. List of Securities belonging to the General Synod in the hands of the Treasurer.
4. List of the Real Estate belonging to the General Synod.
5. List of Endowed Scholarships in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.
6. Education Fund Income Account.
7. The Van Benschoten Fund Account.
8. Knox Fund Account.
9. Hope College Endowment Fund Account.
10. Hope College Income Account.
11. Annual Digest of the Board.
12. Expense Account of General Synod.
13. An Estimate of amount to be raised to meet the deficiency in the revenues of Synod for the current year.

All of the preceding documents were presented by the Board of Direction.

14. The report of the Committee appointed by the General Synod at its meeting in June, 1874, to secure such legislative action as might be necessary to restore the Treasurer of the General Synod to active membership in the Board of Corporation.

15. A communication from Mr. P. R. Warner, the President of the Board of Direction, resigning his office as President of the Board of Direction.

16. A communication from Professors Woodbridge and De Witt, asking that the balance of a bill contracted by them and their late colleague, Dr. Berg, as the Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall, in 1866, for carpeting, be ordered paid when means may be properly applied to that purpose.

The Report of the Board of Direction shows that there has, during the last financial year been received toward the increase of the Permanent Seminary Fund, the sum of \$7,500 ; towards the endowment of the "Thomas De Witt Professorship," the sum of \$5,715 ; towards the increase of the Widows' Fund \$1,479 27 ; and towards the Hope College Endowment Fund \$50 ; and it states that "as directed by the last Synod," there has been paid out of the Permanent Fund the sum of one thousand and twenty-seven dollars and three cents for repairs to the professorial residences.

A further appropriation from said Fund is also stated to have been made to the amount of ten thousand dollars, which will be more particularly referred to in a subsequent part of this Report.

The Report states that there has been received from Gardner A. Sage during the past year towards the erection of "The Gardner A. Sage Library," the sum of twenty thousand dollars, which, with the sum of thirty thousand dollars previously given by him and reported last year, makes his contribution and gift for that purpose amount to fifty thousand dollars.

It also appears from the Report that annuities have been paid from the Widows' Fund during the six months ending May 1st and November 1st, 1874, to the aggregate amount of \$2,325 77, and that an annual subscriber has withdrawn from the Fund the proportion of the amount of his former subscriptions to which he was entitled by the rules of the Fund.

The different Funds, as shown by the Report and the other documents presented therewith, are as follows :

The Endowed Scholarships, or Education Fund.....	\$88,937 16
The Van Benschoten Fund	20,313 57
The Knox Fund.....	2,000
The Parochial School Fund (including 20 shares of the capital stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, at its par value) amounts to.....	12,000
The Hope College Endowment Fund now amounts to	19,319 83

The sum of \$200 has been transferred therefrom, since the report of last year, to the next mentioned Fund, which appears to have been done pursuant to the direction of the last Synod, to carry into effect the design and intention of the donor thereof. (See printed proceedings, p. 142.)

The Hope College Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology Fund amounts, with the above appropriation of \$200, to	\$2,093 97
The Permanent Seminary Fund, the particulars of which will be found in the "Annual Digest of the Board," is stated to be the sum of... \$236,458 50	
But there is included therein..... 5,000	
a donation of Henry Rutgers, held in trust for Rutgers College, which makes the actual fund.....	231,458 50
There are also subscriptions to this Fund on which interest is received to the amount of	5,750
The Widows' Fund	38,631 02
Disabled Ministers' Fund	11,000
Mrs. Ann Hertzog Fund, for repairs of Hertzog Hall	10,000
Permanent Contingent Fund	2,294 64
Vedder Lecture Fund, composed of ten bonds of the Toledo and Wabash Railway Company, par value \$1,000, but stated to be unavailable as an interest or income-producing fund	10,000
The securities in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board, composed of the different items set forth in the list of securities belonging to the Board, and also referred to in the "Annual Digest," presented to the Committee, exclusive of twenty shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, of the par value of \$2,000, amount to the aggregate sum of	431,857 05

The twenty shares of Bergen Turnpike Company stock are stated in the said Digest to belong to Rutgers College, and the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company is reported therein as a part of the Parochial School Fund.

The account of the Treasurer of the Board shows receipts by him (including a balance of \$20,141 38 brought from the last annual account rendered) during the year ending 1st May, 1875, to the amount of \$125,531 40, and payments (including those made

for investments) during the same time to the amount of \$120,287 22, leaving a balance in the Treasury on the first day of May, 1875, of \$5,244 18.

The Board in their Report call the attention of Synod to the fact that only six months' interest on the "Vedder Lecture Fund," amounting to \$350, has been paid within the last year, and say that "there is no prospect of any further interest thereon at present," and consequently that there will not be the sum on hand to pay Professor Lewis for his series of lectures under the fund which he had been led to expect when rendering the services required by his appointment, and the Board suggest that the "Synod make arrangements by which the deficiency may be promptly secured and paid over."

The Educational Income Account shows that there was a balance of interest in the hands of the Treasurer on the first day of May, 1875, of \$3,530 99.

The Hope College Income Account shows a balance of interest at the same date in the Treasurer's hands of \$658 84.

The list of real estate belonging to Synod, transmitted by the Treasurer and referred to us, shows that Synod owns the Seminary grounds and buildings thereon at New Brunswick, N. J., the Hope College grounds with the buildings thereon, and the Parsonage property at Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

The Expense Account of General Synod shows that on the first day of May, 1874, there had been advances for salaries, contingent expenses, and repairs on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, to the amount of \$30,608 02; that payments for different expenses, particularly specified, had been made since that date to the first day of May, 1875, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$10,837 39; that the sums received on that account during the same time amounted to \$11,920 88, leaving a balance in hand at the last-mentioned date (1st May, 1875), of \$1,083 49 (out of which the balance of the Professors' salaries to 1st of March last amounting to \$1,050, is to be paid), showing a balance of advances, etc., on the first day of May, 1875, of \$29,524 53.

The estimate of the amount to be raised to meet the deficiencies in the revenues of Synod for the current year shows that there will be a deficiency of means to meet the expenses relating to the

Theological Seminary to the amount of \$1,800, and that there will be required to meet the other expenses of Synod (usually assessed on the Classes), the sum of \$1,391.

The Board, after setting forth what moneys have been received towards the endowment of the "Permanent Seminary Fund," as above mentioned, make the following statement:

"There has been appropriated from said Fund for the use of the Hertzog Hall Committee, by the vote of a majority of the Board of Direction, the sum of ten thousand dollars, being the legacy of the late Jacob H. Ten Eyck for the Theological Seminary, which on its receipt had been added to said Fund, and so reported to the Synod. The sum of five thousand dollars of said appropriation has been paid to the Treasurer of the Committee;" and a reference to the account of the Treasurer shows that there is an entry therein, dated July 28th, 1874, among the payments made by him, in these terms: "To cash paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, five thousand dollars, being a portion of the legacy of ten thousand dollars bequeathed by the will of Jacob H. Ten Eyck, deceased, to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.; the amount of said bequest having formerly been carried to the Permanent Seminary Fund, and now set aside by the Board of Direction as a fund to be drawn upon by said Committee for extensive repairs, &c., to said Theological Hall."

On referring to a printed copy of the Sixth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall to Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America, dated May 14th, 1875, (which has been laid before the members of Synod,) there is an entry, under the date of the said 28th of July, among the receipts, as follows: "By receipt of J. I. Brower, Treas. Gen. Synod, draft of Com. for steam heating apparatus, etc., in H. Hall, \$5,000."

The amount of that legacy appears to have been received after the close of the financial year in 1873, and is mentioned in a statement of the Board of Direction made to Synod, and contained in its printed proceedings of that year, as having been so received and added to the Permanent Seminary Fund. (See pages 650 and 661.) Its receipt is also stated in the Treasurer's account of 1874, set forth in

the printed proceedings of that year, at page 23, under date of May 16th, 1873, as "cash received from J. H. Ten Eyck, Jr., executor of Jacob H. Ten Eyck, deceased, ten thousand dollars, amount bequeathed to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.—\$10,000," which is understood to have been the form and nature of the bequest.

As the appropriation of that amount of the legacy from the Permanent Seminary Fund for the use of the Hertzog Hall Committee was by a vote of a majority of the Board of Direction, it has been deemed proper to set forth the above statements, for the information of the Synod, and also to mention, in this connection, that Mr. Warner, the President of the Board, in the communication to Synod which has been referred to us, states that a transaction had occurred in the Board of Direction, within the past year, contrary to his views of duty, which we presume has reference to the said appropriation.

We also deem it proper to state, that it is, at least, questionable, whether the Board were, as they state, "directed by the last Synod" to pay out of the said Permanent Fund the sum of one thousand and twenty-seven dollars and three cents, for repairs to the Professorial residences. It will be seen, by a reference to the printed proceedings of last year, that the resolution in relation thereto was in the following terms: "Resolved, that so much of the item of \$1,200 for repairs, in the estimate of the Treasurer, as represents a balance of debt contracted by the Hertzog Hall Committee, be classed with the debts of General Synod, to be provided for by the financial agent, and not reckoned in the annual expenses."

The appropriation of the legacy of Mr. Ten Eyck by the direction of the majority of the Board from the Permanent Fund, for the use of the Hertzog Hall Committee, above referred to, has received the careful consideration of your Committee.

It does not appear from the report of the Board that this legacy was any further limited in its use than to be for the Theological Seminary. It is evident, however, that, when received, it was considered as an endowment, and was applied to and made a part of the Permanent Fund, with the approbation of the Synod. It may well be doubted whether such legacies should be treated as intended for

the annual expenses of the institution. When a man devotes a portion of the earnings of his life to religious and benevolent purposes, he can hardly be supposed to intend that it shall be consumed at once in the annual expenditures of the institution. On the contrary, such donations and legacies, unless otherwise specially ordered by the donor or testator, should be considered as devoted specially to the purposes named, and devoted solely to such purposes. Such was the rule in regard to the other legacies now forming part of the Permanent Fund; and where the donors intend to apply their donations to the immediate use of the Societies, by an expenditure thereof, or to repairing buildings, as in the case of the Suydam legacy for improving buildings of the Seminary, such intention has been usually so expressed in the instrument making the gift.

Without expressing any opinion that the Board of Direction have committed a legal error in this appropriation, your Committee wish to express their disapproval of any application of the principal sum of legacies left for the use of any of the benevolent operations of the Synod, which is not in accordance and agreement with the expressed intent of the testator, and more especially to condemn the withdrawal from the Permanent Fund, to be applied to temporary use, any portion thereof after it has become a part of such Fund, and has, as such, been invested. Such a practice, if continued, will tend to destroy the confidence of the friends of the Church in the permanency of funds intended to be made a part of such *Permanent* Fund. It has been seen from what has already been mentioned, that the Board have appropriated moneys from that Fund for the repair of the Professorial residences. It is true that they acted on the assumption that they did it by the direction of Synod, but such direction, even if given, does not relieve the difficulty or mitigate the evil and mischief of such a diversion. On the contrary its effect will go further to destroy the confidence of the friends of the institutions of our Church, if they find that such misappropriation of funds which were intended by the donors to be a part of the *Permanent* Fund is ordered by the Synod itself. The evil practice appears to have been indirectly sanctioned for some time past. It is shown by the documents that were referred to us that there have been advances, from time to time, from the principal of that Fund for the payment of salaries, contingent expenses, and repairs on the Peter

Hertzog Theological Hall, which amounted, after crediting what has been applied to the reduction thereof, on the first day of May, 1875, to \$29,524 53, and it is apparent, as we think, from the printed proceedings of the Synod, that their attention was at their annual sessions directed by the Board or their Treasurer, to the deficiency in the Permanent Fund created by those advances. Your Committee are of opinion that Synod should express their disapproval of such action, and provide for making whole the Permanent Fund by restoring to it the sums that have been deducted therefrom.

It appears from the instrument of gift, dated the 13th day of January, 1873, executed by Mr. Nicholas F. Vedder, under and by virtue of which the "Vedder Lecture Fund" was created, (a copy of which is to be found at pages 738 and 739 of the printed proceedings of Synod in 1873), that ten bonds of the denomination of \$1,000 each, known as the Equipment bonds of the Toledo and Wabash Railway Company, bearing seven per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, with coupons attached, and stated to be of the value of ten thousand dollars at par, were given to the General Synod for the purpose of founding and sustaining an annual course of lectures, to be delivered before the students of the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick, and also to the students of Rutgers College New Brunswick, on "The present aspects of modern infidelity, including its cause and cure." The third article of that instrument provides that the lecturer appointed by Synod, after the delivery of a copy of the lectures delivered by him, to the President of General Synod as therein provided, "shall be entitled to receive and shall be paid the income of the said Fund for the then current year, but in no case shall he be entitled to receive more than the annual sum which shall be realized and actually obtained from said Fund."

It will be seen from the above provision that the lecturer, on receiving his appointment, must be deemed as relying on the income of the Fund for his compensation, as is therein expressed and particularly stated; and consequently that no claim can now be made by Dr. Lewis on the Synod for any sum beyond the interest received and collected on the said bonds during the last financial year.

No other matters referred to your Committee connected with the acts of the Board of Direction appear to require any special consideration.

They, in view of the facts above stated, offer the following resolutions for the adoption of Synod ;

1. *Resolved*, That when a sum is once added to and becomes a part of the Permanent Fund, and is so reported to the Synod and approved by it, the Board of Direction has no authority to withdraw and appropriate it to any temporary purpose.

2. *Resolved*, That the sum of five thousand dollars withdrawn from the Permanent Fund for the use of the Hertzog Hall, and not paid over to the Committee, be restored to that Fund, and invested as a part thereof.

3. *Resolved*, That the Synod make provision for the estimated deficiency which, as reported by the Board of Direction, will exist in the revenues applicable to the expenses of the Theological Seminary, amounting to the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars, (\$1,800).

4. *Resolved*, That the estimated deficiency of funds for the payment of the other expenses reported by the Board, amounting to the sum of one thousand three hundred and ninety-one dollars (\$1,391). be apportioned among the several Classes.

5. *Resolved*, That the whole amount of interest on the Vedder Lecture Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Direction be paid to Dr. Lewis on his producing the receipt for the delivery of the lectures delivered by him, as is required by the third article of the said instrument creating the Fund, and that the balance of interest accrued thereon during the last financial year be paid over to him when collected.

Your Committee, having directed the attention of Synod to the deficiency in the Permanent Fund, arising from advances made for different purposes, amounting to twenty-nine thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars and fifty-three cents, (\$29,524 53,) as above stated; and to the further sum of one thousand and twenty-seven dollars and three cents, (\$1,027 03,) for repairs to the Professorial residences; and to the additional sum of five thousand dollars, (\$5,000,) paid to the Hertzog Hall Committee; deem that they have discharged their duty, and leave it to the Synod to provide such measures as they may deem advisable for the restoration of the said sums to the said Permanent Fund.

Your Committee have considered the application of Professors Woodbridge and De Witt, for making provision of means to pay a balance due for carpets purchased by the Hertzog Hall Committee in 1866, of S. B. Stewart & Co., amounting to \$294 34, besides interest. While they deny the authority of any committee to make purchases, without an appropriation of funds for the purpose, yet, inasmuch as the carpets have been used for the benefit of the students, the Committee recommend that provision be made for the payment of the sum remaining due, and offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Board of Direction be authorized to settle the said claim on equitable grounds, and pay the same when sufficient funds applicable to that purpose come into his hands.

Your Committee have also considered the communication of Mr. Peter R. Warner, the President of the Board of Direction, in which he resigns his office as such President.

As he states "that from and after the election of members of the different Boards" he "must decline participating in the affairs of the Board," there is no alternative left but to accept his resignation, although, by such acceptance, Synod will lose the services of an old and faithful servant; and they offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resignation tendered by Mr. P. R. Warner of his office as President of the Board of Direction be, and the same is hereby accepted.*

The Committee also recommend, that the Treasurer of the Board be elected by the Synod for the term of one year.

Your Committee have also considered the report of the Committee appointed by the last Synod to secure such legislative action as might be necessary to restore the Treasurer of Synod to active membership in the Board of Direction.

They find that, at the meeting of Synod in 1872 it was, on the recommendation of the Committee of Overtures, resolved, that the by-laws of the Board of Direction be amended by adding to paragraph 10 as follows: "No officer or person receiving a salary, or any emolument, directly or indirectly, from the Treasury, shall be a

* See Supplementary Report.

member of the Board." That recommendation was made as stated in the report of the Committee, because they thought it their duty to look after all those instances in which the wording of the constitution or the rules of our several Boards might seem to conflict with a law of the Legislature of the State of New York herein referred to." (See page 487.) That law was passed on the 12th of March, 1872, (Chap. 104 of the Laws of that year.)

It contains only one section, which is in the following terms, viz :

"No trustee or director of any charitable or benevolent institution, organized either under the laws of this State, or by virtue of a special charter, shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary or emolument from said institution, nor shall any salary or compensation whatever be voted or allowed by the trustees or directors of any institutions organized for charitable or benevolent purposes to any trustee or director of said institution, for services either as trustee or director, or in any other capacity."

Your Committee have carefully examined the provisions of that law, and are clearly of the opinion that it has no application to the General Synod, which is a *religious corporation*, created by a special act of the State of New York, passed in 1819, and is in no sense a *charitable* or *benevolent* institution within the meaning of the law of 1872 above set forth.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend a repeal of the said amendment of the by-laws, and offer the following resolution for adoption by the Synod :

Resolved, That the amendment made in 1872 to the by-laws by General Synod, (added at the end of paragraph 10, as it then existed,) declaring that "no officer or person receiving a salary or any emolument, directly or indirectly, from the Treasury, shall be a member of the Board of Direction," be, and the same is hereby repealed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. LOTT, *Chairman*.

D. P. INGRAHAM,

JACOB B. JEWETT,

WM. R. JANEWAY,

JOHN LYON.

Dated June 8th, 1875.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Committee on the Board of Direction, to whom was referred back their former report so far as relates to the written communication of Mr. P. R. Warner, their President, heretofore referred to them in connection with an oral communication since made to the Synod, through Rev. T. W. Chambers, that Mr. Warner withdraws his resignation, report that, in consequence of such withdrawal, no further action on the subject is necessary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Committee.

JOHN A. LOTT, *Chairman.*

The following resolutions were also adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, whose special duty it shall be, during the coming year, so far as may be, to separate and arrange the different funds and endowments of the General Synod, in accordance with the intentions of donors and the General Synod, as expressed in the Minutes of General Synod and the books of the Treasurer, in order that hereafter these funds may be kept and reported separately, each under its own heading; and in order that, if there be hereafter any deficiency, it may be provided for by General Synod, as the case may demand.

The following were appointed the Committee:—Rev. A. G. Vermilye, John Gaston, Elders James A. Williamson, John A. Lott, and John A. Hardenberg.

Resolved, That General Synod's Committee on Endowment be instructed, if possible, to provide for the deficiencies of the coming year, as they have done for the year ending April 30th, 1875.

Resolved, That the unexpended sum of \$5,000, given by Jacob N. Ten Eyck to the "The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Protestant Church at New Brunswick," now in the hands of the Board of Direction, be held subject to the draft of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall Committee, to be applied by them to the use of said Seminary.

Rev. William H. Steele was elected a member of the Board for the full term of five years.

Mr. John I. Brower was elected Treasurer for one year.

The Committee appointed in 1873 to act in connection with Prof. De Witt in the work of Endowment, presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Committee appointed by the General Synod of 1873 to act in connection with Professor De Witt in maturing plans and soliciting contributions for the Endowment Fund, respectfully report :

That they have been able to make but little progress during the past year. The difficulties arising from prevailing business depression, to which reference was made in the last report, have continued to exist.

Very little has been done in the way of procuring additional subscriptions towards the \$80,000 required for the Permanent Fund. The Committee, however, are firmly convinced that with the return of prosperity the principal work assigned to them can be carried on to a successful conclusion.

Effort has been made to provide, so far as practicable, for the deficiencies of the year, and a Sub-Committee appointed for that purpose will make report to Synod of what has been done in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. VAN GIESON, *Chairman.*

The following supplementary paper was also adopted :

With reference to the duty of providing for the deficiencies of the year ending April 30th, 1874, which was imposed upon us by the last Synod, the income from invested funds proved somewhat greater than had been estimated, and some additional payments were received upon the generous subscription for deficiency in income made in the General Synod of 1873. In addition to other payments during the year, the Committee have in hand, and will immediately pay to the Treasurer, the sum of \$340. There is a remaining deficiency of \$309 07 ; but the Board of Direction have paid from the income of the Permanent Seminary Fund \$316 50 for the insurance of James Suydam Hall. It is evident, however, that Mr. Suydam never intended that the Hall should be any expense to the Church, and that insurance is one of the first things involved in what his Will denominated "Maintenance and Support." We therefore recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be directed to reserve from the half-year's interest of the \$20,000, bequeathed by Mr. Suydam for the maintenance of James Suydam Hall, that falls due July 1st, 1875, \$316 50, the amount of insurance on the said Hall paid Nov. 28, 1874, and that he reserve from the half-year's interest that falls due December 1st, 1875, the amount of insurance to be paid during the current year.

With this provision your Committee may congratulate the General Synod in having passed through a year of financial embarrassment without increasing its debt. If the Synod think proper to entrust with the duty, the Committee, in its desire to relieve the Church from difficulty until the endowment is complete, will endeavor to provide for the deficiencies of the year on which we have entered.

The following resolution was also adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee appointed by the General Synod of 1873 to act in connection with Prof. De Witt in maturing plans and soliciting contributions for the Endowment Fund be continued.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Reports were received from Rev. A. T. Stewart, the delegate of last year to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South); Rev. H. D. Ganse and Elder S. R. W. Heath, delegates to the same body at its late session in St. Louis; Rev. J. A. De Baun, delegate to the Reformed Church in the United States; Rev. M. S. Hutton, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (North); Rev. Alex. R. Thompson, delegate to the Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church; Rev. John McC. Holmes, delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; Rev. Isaac Riley, delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

A letter was received from Rev. John M. King, Convener of the Committee on Correspondence with other Churches of the Canada Presbyterian Church, presenting the Christian salutations of that Church, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A letter was received from the Synodical Committee of the Christian Reformed Church of the Netherlands, soliciting correspondence with the General Synod, and was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

In connection with this letter, the Stated Clerk informed the Synod, that, in accordance with authority granted last year, the President and Stated Clerk had given credentials to Rev. R. Pieters to represent this General Synod at the meeting of the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church to convene at 'S Hertogenbosch.

The credentials of Rev. Marshall B. Smith, Primarius, and Rev. Wm. R. Nicholson, D.D., Secundus, delegates from the Third General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, were received, together with the following resolutions, all which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Extract from the Minutes of the Third Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, held at Chicago, Illinois, May 12th, 1875.

"The following resolution was unanimously adopted *by a rising vote* :

" *Whereas*, The Reformed Church in America,—one of the oldest Churches on this Continent, and the representative of the historical Church of the Netherlands, did, at its last General Synod, fraternally extend the right hand of fellowship to the Reformed Episcopal Church, and is to-day represented in this Council by its commissioned Delegate; and

" *Whereas*, This General Council cordially reciprocates the fraternal overtures of the General Synod, with reference to the establishment of corresponding relations between the two Churches; therefore

" *Resolved*, That a Delegate and an alternate be elected at this and each succeeding General Council, and commissioned to convey to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America the Christian salutations of the Reformed Episcopal Church."

Attest,

GEORGE DAVID CUMMINS,

President of the Council.

HERRERT B. TURNER,

Secretary.

Rev. Marshall B. Smith and Rev. Wm. R. Nicholson, D.D., both appeared, and addressed the Synod on the sixth day of the session.

The credentials of Rev. A. J. Le Fevre, D.D., and Hon. J. A. Inglis, delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South), were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. A. J. Le Fevre, D.D., appeared, and addressed the Synod on the eighth day of the session.

The credentials of Rev. C. K. Imbrie, D.D., and Rev. F. A. Horton, delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (North), were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. C. K. Imbrie, D.D., appeared, and addressed the Synod on the sixth day of the session. Rev. F. A. Horton also addressed the Synod on the seventh day of the session.

The credentials of Rev. Robert Armstrong, delegate from the United Presbyterian Church, were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Robert Armstrong appeared, and addressed the Synod on the sixth day of the session.

The credentials of Rev. R. P. Du Clos, delegate from the French Evangelical Church of Canada, were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Mr. Du Clos appeared, and addressed the Synod on the eighth day of the session.

The credentials of Rev. Zachary Eddy, D.D., Rev. A. L. Stone, D.D., Rev. George B. Bacon, D.D., and Rev. W. I. Budington, D.D., were received, and referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rev. Dr. Bacon appeared, and addressed the Synod on the ninth day of the session.

A letter from Rev. David Steele, corresponding delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, was received and read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

The Committee of Conference with the Presbyterian Churches, North and South, and with the Reformed Church in the United States, presented the following report, which was accepted and

adopted; and the Committee was continued for further conference with the Committee of the General Assembly (North) on the subject of a plan of co-operation:

The Committee of Conference appointed by the Synod of 1873 and continued, with specific instructions, by the Synod of 1874, respectfully reports:

That it obeyed the instructions of the General Synod, in regard to conference with the Committee of "the Reformed Church in the United States," by meeting and conferring with that Committee. The character and results of that interview will fully appear by the following report, which each of the two Committees unanimously resolved to present to its General Synod:

The Committees of Conference, appointed by the General Synods of "the Reformed Church in the United States" and "the Reformed Church in America," met in Philadelphia, on the morning of November 18th, 1874, and spent in joint sessions the greater part of that day and the next.

After a very free and brotherly interchange of information concerning the organization, symbols, doctrinal sentiments, and usages of the two denominations, the Committees agreed upon the following statement of the results of their conference:

1. Such large and obvious elements of likeness and sympathy as subsist between their two bodies seem to point very plainly to some ultimate union between them. They are almost identical in name, as in origin and in early history. Their ecclesiastical organization and nomenclature of Consistory, Classis, Synod and General Synod are substantially the same. One venerable symbol—the Heidelberg Catechism—is held in common in the two denominations. The body of doctrine which either Church derives from this common symbol, of necessity, has close and fundamental resemblances. The Committees have found, moreover, a perfect unity of method and spirit in the devotional acts which they have performed together; and their whole interview has also reminded them of the essential unity of their work of caring for those Continental Christians of the Reformed faith who are so widely distributed over the newer parts of our country. With these and similar points of contact between these two bodies, the Committee cannot believe that they will abide apart.

2. The Committees have further found, with gratification, that some elements of seeming difference between these two denominations have, upon fuller information concerning them, lost much of their apparent importance. In particular, the usage of confirmation prevails in "the Reformed Church in the United States," and is unknown in the "Reformed Church in America;" but, as it is interpreted in the Constitution of the first named Church, it is plain, that it may fully consist with the principles and methods by which the other Church admits her baptized youth to full communion.

It does not appear, therefore, that the continuance of that usage on the one side, or abstinence from it on the other, ought to be a decisive obstacle to union. The observance of festal religious days in "the Reformed Church in the United States," though very general, is not enjoined, and therefore stands upon the same footing with the same observance as it prevails, though to a less extent, in "the Reformed Church in America." Even such diversities as may exist in the matter of liturgical services, so long as they might not be seen to turn upon important differences of doctrinal belief, might be harmoniously adjusted. The Committees, indeed, have little doubt that all the minor elements of difference, which have grown up in the two Churches during their separate life, could either be softened or accommodated in a cordial attempt to bring these Reformed Churches under a single banner.

3. The Committees, however, are constrained to say, that some other obstacles to union seem to be of a less manageable character. The most patent of these lies in the fact, that, while both of these denominations accept the Heidelberg Catechism, the Reformed Church in America adds to this symbol the Belgic Confession and the Canons of the Synod of Dort. In order, therefore, to an organic union of the two bodies, one or the other would be compelled to make a material change in its doctrinal standards.

Since neither Committee finds itself prepared to advise its Synod to make so important a concession, they can only agree in making a frank statement of their difficulty, in the hope that time and the best wisdom of the two denominations, and, above all, the providence and grace of God, may direct to its just solution.

In addition to this, the probable fact that a body made up of these

two denominations would include important differences in doctrinal view and ecclesiastical feeling has appeared during the conference. These obstacles seem to preclude any further present negotiations in the direction of organic union.

The Committees, in conclusion, are fully persuaded, that, although this interview has developed no plan or distinct prospect of the organic union of their two Churches, a real advance towards that most desirable result has been made in the frank and friendly conference which has now been held. The difficulty of merging denominations so old and well established as these could not be expected to be small. It is something gained, to be able to see at what points the obstacles are greatest. Not less valuable is that cultivation of brotherly acquaintance, esteem and sympathy which this conference has greatly furthered. The ultimate issue of their interview the Committee trust to Christ—the one Head of the one Universal Church—in the faith, that He has kindled in these sister denominations the desire of union, and that He will not suffer that desire to fail.

Your Committee also obeyed the instructions of the General Synod, by holding a second conference with the Committee of “the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.” The result of that conference will fully appear by the following report, which was unanimously adopted by each of the Committees :

The Committees of Conference of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and the Reformed Church in America, having been directed by their respective bodies to ‘receive the plans prepared by the Boards and Committees’ of the respective Churches, and “to modify, as far as necessary, and harmonize them all in one comprehensive scheme of co-operative union,” respectfully report, that they met for that purpose in the City of New York, on the 15th day of January, 1875, and, after a series of harmonious joint sessions, agreed upon the following scheme, which was afterwards duly approved by each Committee in its separate session, and is accordingly recommended by each for adoption by its own General Assembly or General Synod :

For the purpose of perfecting as far as possible the scheme of co-operation which, in outline, was agreed upon by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the

General Synod of the Reformed Church in America in the sessions of 1874, it is further agreed and ordered by these two bodies, that actual co-operation in denominational work be begun between them in the following particulars :

I. PUBLICATION.

1. The publishing house of each denomination shall be agent and depository for the sale of the publications of the other denomination. The details of such agencies and the commercial terms upon which they shall be conducted shall be adjusted between the Board and Committee having charge of that department of church work.

2. The same Board and Committee are empowered to unite in the publication of a child's paper, upon which, when issued, they are directed to put the imprint of both denominations.

II. HOME MISSIONS.

Inasmuch as the work which the Assembly's Sustentation Committee is doing for the evangelization of the colored population of the South, justly makes larger demands upon the help of the Reformed Church than any part of the Domestic Missionary work of the last named Church can, at this time, make upon the help of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, it is recommended that the members of the Reformed Church consider with great sympathy that department of the Assembly's Home Missionary work, and send their contributions to that general cause to the treasury of the Assembly's Committee. A particular account of the receipt and use of all sums thus contributed shall be made to the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church.

III. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1. The principle announced in the general plan adopted by the Assembly and the Synod in 1874, namely, that contiguous Foreign Missions of the two Churches ought to aim at "the establishment of one united Church," shall be carried into practice whenever such contiguity shall exist; and it is accordingly ordered, that where any Missionary Churches under the care of the Board and Committee of the two denominations are, or shall be, so near to each other as to

admit of practical and profitable ecclesiastical relations of any sort, those Churches shall, for all the purposes of such relations between themselves, treat each other as though they had been planted and nurtured by one and the same denomination. And this agreement is made, not only for the sake of expressing, as it does, the confidence which these two American denominations have in each other, but, chiefly, with the view of contributing to the establishment in each missionary country of a native Church that shall grow from its own root.

2. When the Missions of either Church shall stand in need of men who cannot be supplied from the ministry of that Church, information of such need shall be given by the Board or Committee of the one Church to that of the other, whose duty it shall thereupon be to discover, if possible, and to recommend from among the ministers of its own body a person or persons suitable for such appointment; and young men in either Church who contemplate the work of Foreign Missions shall, upon recommendation from the Board or Committee of their own Church, be as eligible to appointment by that of the other as by their own. The person or persons so recommended and appointed shall in every case come under the care and direction of the Board or Committee from which they shall receive appointment; but they shall not be required to transfer their ecclesiastical relations to any American Presbytery or Classis of the body into whose missionary service they thus shall come.

3. It is recommended to the Professors in the Theological Seminaries of the respective denominations, to the students and the Societies of Enquiry, that they in every way encourage an equal acquaintance with the Missions of the two Churches, in order that the presentation thus made of a variety of acceptable fields may give scope and stimulation to the missionary spirit of the theological students of both denominations.

4. To this end, and also for the increase of general sympathy between the Churches in regard to this very important form of Christian work, it is ordered, that the Board and Committee of the respective Churches keep each other informed by interchange of publications, and, when necessary, by letter, of all matters of special interest in the work of each; in order that such matters

may receive due notice in the missionary periodicals of both Churches. And it is further ordered, that at least five copies of the missionary periodical of either Church be regularly sent by its Board or Committee to each of the Theological Seminaries of the other Church.

5. It is recommended to the members of either denomination, that, whenever they are interested to contribute to the evangelization of any country in which missionary work is not done by their own Church, but by the Board or Committee of the co-operating Church, they make such Board or Committee the channel of their gifts; which Board or Committee shall make report of the receipt and use of such gifts, as is provided in the case of Home Missions.

IV. EDUCATION.

In accordance with the spirit of the provision incorporated into the general scheme of 1874—viz: that students of theology in either body may “pursue their studies in institutions of the other”—it is ordered, that the funds of the Education Board or Committee of either Church may be appropriated to the support of any student who may prefer thus to prosecute his studies in a seminary of the other, provided that his reason for such preference be first presented to his own Classis or Presbytery and meet the approval of the same. But, in applying for licensure or ordination, every student who shall avail himself of the privilege of pursuing his studies in a seminary of the co-operating Church shall conform to the rules of the body from which such licensure or ordination shall be sought.

V. INTERCHANGE OF ANNUAL REPORTS.

Each of the Boards and Committees of the two Churches is directed to prepare and forward to the corresponding Board or Committee of the co-operating Church a compact abstract of its annual report, which abstract shall be printed by the Board or Committee receiving it, in connection with its own annual report.

Any provision of this scheme of co-operative union may at any time be altered or extended by the joint action of the General Assembly and General Synod; and any provision of it may be omitted or abrogated by either body without impairing the validity of those other provisions on which they shall agree.

Your Committee was also directed by the last General Synod to confer with the Committee of the General Assembly of the Northern Presbyterian Church "with regard to any co-operation with that Assembly within the limits of the arrangements already made with the Southern Assembly."

In accordance with these instructions, a conference of these two Committees was called by the two Chairmen, in the City of New York, on the 25th day of March last. At this meeting, your own Committee was largely represented. The attendance of members of the Assembly's Committee was so small that that Committee was not formally constituted, and no formal conference was held. Your own Committee, however, adopted, unanimously, a paper in accordance with the direction of the last Synod, above recited, and directed its Chairman to present the paper so prepared to the Chairman of the Assembly's Committee, with the expression of the willingness of the Synod's Committee to hold a subsequent conference with the Assembly's Committee for the shaping of any parts of the proposed scheme which might seem to require further consideration.

The paper thus adopted and communicated is not incorporated into this report, but a copy of it is herewith presented.

The Chairman of the Assembly's Committee has informed this Committee, through its Chairman, that the paper thus communicated was sent to the several members of the Assembly's Committee, with the understanding that, if all agreed to it, it should be reported to the two bodies at their approaching meetings, without the necessity of further conference; but that since objection to parts of the proposal was made by several members of the Assembly's Committee, and since it had been found impossible to convene the two Committees again prior to the meetings of the Assembly and the Synod, it was the purpose of the Assembly's Committee to report these general facts to the Assembly, and to refer it to the wisdom of that body either to "continue the same Committee or to appoint another for further conference."

Having made this recital, your own Committee think proper similarly to refer the whole subject to the wisdom of the General Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. GANSE, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod, to represent the Synod, in arranging the time, place and manner of holding an Œcumenical Council, presented the following report which was accepted and adopted :

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Committee appointed to represent the General Synod in arranging the time, place and manner of holding an Œcumenical Council, begs leave to report that the whole Committee, with the exception of Judge Bacon, who was prevented from attendance by official duties, met with the Committees representing the American and Canadian Presbyterian Churches, on Dec. 3d, 1874, in the City of New York. At this meeting the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, as declarative of the nature and ends of the Federation :

“ 1. In the opinion of the Churches represented at this meeting, it is desirable to form a Confederation of the Reformed Churches holding to the Presbyterian system, in order to manifest the substantial unity of these Churches, and to combine them in the accomplishment of the great work committed to them by the Head of the Church.

2. While furnishing to the Presbyterian Churches a means of entering into closer fellowship with one another, this Confederation is not meant to separate them in any way from other Churches which hold by Christ, the Head, with which Churches it will always be ready to co-operate.

3. This Confederation does not propose to form or to adopt a new Confession of Faith, but will require every Church proposing to join it to submit its Creed, and will admit only the Churches whose Creed is in conformity with the *consensus* of the Reformed Church.

4. It shall not interfere with the internal order and discipline of any Church.

5. It shall hold, from time to time, a General Council, composed of representatives of all the Churches constituting the Confederation.

6. The representatives to this Council shall always consist of an equal number of Ministers and Elders.

7. The General Council shall take up only such subjects as have been committed to the Church by her great Head.

8. The General Council shall seek to guide public sentiment aright in various countries by papers read, by addresses delivered, by information collected in order to publication, by the exposition of sound scriptural principles and defences of the truth.

9. The decisions come to by this Council shall be laid before the several Churches, and be entitled to receive from them a respectful, a prayerful and careful consideration.

10. It will labor to promote the peace and harmony of the Churches.

11. It will ever rejoice to support weak and struggling Churches which have to carry on their operations amid infidel or anti-Christian opposition.

12. It will defend by all lawful means, those who in any country are persecuted for conscience' sake.

13. It will strive to procure for the Churches that freedom of government and of action, which Christ has given to such as their inalienable privilege.

14. It will employ all moral means so to distribute the Mission work of the Churches on the foreign field, as to prevent Missionary enterprises from interfering with or hindering each other,—that Missionaries be sent to every nation, and our Lord's command be fulfilled by the gospel being preached to every creature.

15. It will encourage the Churches to combined efforts to provide for the religious wants of great cities and other destitute portions of the home field.

16. It will press upon all the Churches the imperative duty of securing the adequate instruction of the young in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

17. It will make every effort to protect the Sabbath as a Divine institution, fitted to convey so many blessings, temporal and spiritual.

18. It will endeavor to combine the Churches in their efforts to suppress intemperance, and the other great prevailing vices of the age, and generally to promote the moral improvement and elevation of mankind.

19. It will aim to foster among Christians systematic beneficence for the furtherance of Christian objects.

20. It will make systematic efforts to meet prevailing forms of infidelity all over the world.

21. It will seek to combine the Protestant Churches in opposing the errors and inroads of Romanism.

22. In order to organize the Confederation, a Sub committee shall be appointed to correspond with the Committees of the British Churches, and with other Churches throughout the world holding to the Presbyterian system. This Sub-committee, in correspondence with the Committees of the British Churches, shall call a preparatory meeting of the Committees of all the Churches joining in this Confederation, to be held in London or elsewhere in 1875.

This preparatory meeting is expected to agree upon and circulate in proof a constitution of the Confederation, to be laid before a General Council of the Federal Churches, to be held, if possible, in 1876. This preparatory meeting shall agree upon a provisional plan of representation—that is, upon the number of deputies to be sent by each Church to the General Council."

A second meeting was held April 8th, 1875, at which it was stated that a conference had been called of the Committees of all the Churches of Great Britain, and her colonies in America, the European continent and elsewhere, that are favorable to the project. This conference will meet in London, on Wednesday, July 21st, 1875, and will prepare a draft constitution for the proposed Confederation, and determine when and where the First General Council of the Confederated Churches shall assemble. At this meeting the following *interim draft* of a constitution was proposed to be submitted to the Conference in London:

" PREAMBLE.

Whereas, The Church of God, though composed of many members, is one body in Christ; and *Whereas*, The Reformed Churches holding by Presbyterian principles, are substantially one in Doctrine, Government, and Discipline; *it is therefore agreed*, to form a Presbyterian Alliance, to meet in General Council from time to time, in order to manifest the oneness of these Churches, and to combine them in furthering the great ends for which they have been instituted by their Head; it being understood, that in thus uniting.

the Presbyterian Churches do not mean to separate from other Churches which hold by Christ, but will be ready to join such in Christian fellowship, and in promoting the cause of the Redeemer.

ARTICLES.

1. **DESIGNATION.**—This Alliance shall be called ‘The Confederation of the Reformed Churches, holding to the Presbyterian System.’

2. **BOND OF UNION.**—The Bond of Union is Christ, and the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

3. **MEMBERSHIP.**—Any Church, whose creed is in accordance with the consensus of the Reformed Churches—such only being admissible, may, on expressing by its Supreme Court, a wish to join the Confederation, be admitted into membership therein, by a vote of the General Council.

4. THE COUNCIL.

1. *Its Constituency.*—The Council shall consist of Delegates appointed by the Churches forming the Confederation; the number from each Church being regulated by a plan sanctioned by the Council, and proceeding on the principle of the number of congregations in the Churches; the Delegates, moreover, from each Church, always consisting of an equal number of ministers and elders. The Council may, on the recommendation of a Committee on Overtures, choose Associates not Delegates, and invite them to sit and to deliberate, to offer suggestions, to deliver addresses, and to read papers.

2. *Its Powers.*—The Council, while it has the power to determine what Presbyterian Churches shall be allowed to join the Confederation, shall not interfere with the internal order or discipline of any Church. It shall take up only such evangelistic subjects as have been committed to the Church by her great Head. Topics may be brought before it by any Church which is a member of the Confederation, or by members of the Council, on being transmitted by the Committee on Overtures. The decisions and recommendations of the Council, shall be transmitted to the Supreme Courts of the several Churches, and be entitled to receive from these a respectful and prayerful consideration.

3. *Its Objects*.—The Council shall seek to help all weak and struggling Churches, to promote freedom of Church action, to gather and disseminate information concerning the Church at large, to commend the Presbyterian system as combining simplicity, efficiency, and adaptation to all times and conditions, and shall entertain all subjects that are directly concerned with the work of evangelization, as the following: The peace of the Churches; the distribution of Mission work; the combination of Church energies—especially in reference to our great cities and destitute districts; the religious Instruction of the Young; the sanctification of the Sabbath; the suppression of Intemperance and other great prevailing vices; Systematic Beneficence; and the overthrow of Infidelity and Romanism.

4. *Its Methods*.—The Council shall seek to guide and stimulate public sentiment by papers read, by addresses delivered, by publishing and circulating information about the state of the Churches and of Missions, and by the exposition of sound Scriptural Principles and Defenses of the truth.

5. CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution shall not be changed, except on a motion made at one meeting of Council, and carried by a two-thirds vote at the next meeting."

At this meeting the following Resolution was also unanimously adopted, viz.: "That we recommend the Committees of the various Churches, to nominate Delegates to attend the Conference, in the college of the Presbyterian Church, Queen's Square, London, on Wednesday, the 21st day July, 1875, and to submit the names of these Delegates, to their respective Supreme Church Courts, for their special approval."

In accordance with this recommendation, your Committee beg leave to nominate Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Vermilye and Mr. Gamaliel G. Smith, now in Europe, Rev. E. P. Rogers and Rev. Philip Peltz, whom they hope might be, thereby, induced to go. Your Committee would also suggest that General Synod add to this list the names of others, (especially of Elders,) who might possibly attend.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. S. HUTTON, *Chairman*.

NEW YORK, June 4th, 1875.

On the question of adopting the foregoing report, Elder Theodore F. Cornell, at his request, was permitted to record his name as voting in the negative. The same privilege was accorded to all who dissented from the action of the Synod.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That Rev. Dr. Hutton, chairman of the Committee on the Ecumenical Council, be authorized to recommend any minister or elder of the Reformed Church, as an additional delegate to the Ecumenical Council, and that the Stated Clerk furnish said delegate with the necessary credentials.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report :

There have been received reports from the following delegates to Corresponding Bodies: From Rev. J. A. De Baun to the Reformed (German) Church in U. S.; from Rev. Isaac Riley to the Reformed Presbyterian Church; from Rev. M. S. Hutton to the Presbyterian Church (North); from Rev. J. McClelland Holmes to the Evangelical Lutheran Church; from Rev. A. T. Stewart to the Presbyterian Church (South) in 1874; from Rev. H. D. Ganse to the Presbyterian Church (South) in 1875; from Rev. A. R. Thompson to the Reformed Episcopal Church.

There has also been placed in our hands a letter in the Holland language, with a translation of the same by Rev. A. R. Van Raalte, accompanied by a letter from him, from the Christian Reformed Church in the Netherlands. Your Committee recommend :

Resolved, That Rev. Prof. Charles Scott, President of this Synod and Rev. A. C. Van Raalte be a Committee with power to prepare and forward a suitable reply, in the name of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be authorized to forward a copy of the Minutes of this Synod to said Church.

There has likewise been received a communication from the Rev. John M. King, conveying the Christian salutations, and the grateful acknowledgments of the Canada Presbyterian Church, relative to the appointment of a delegate from this body; and announcing likewise the union of the several branches of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, soon to be consummated, and requesting the presence of a delegate from this body on the interesting occasion. The Synod of last year anticipated this request, and appointed Rev. W. Ormiston to this agreeable duty.

A communication has also been received from the Third Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, announcing the adoption of a resolution to appoint annually a Corresponding Delegate to this Synod, in accordance with the action of the Synod of last year. Your Committee recommend :

Resolved, That a Corresponding Delegate, Primarius and Secundus, be elected, at this and each succeeding General Synod. to the Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

With respect to the matters introduced by the Rev. R. P. Du Clos. Delegate of the French Evangelical Church of Canada, your Committee recommend :

Resolved, That Rev. David Inglis and Rev. E. P. Ingersoll be a Committee with power to prepare and forward a suitable reply to said Church, expressive of the fraternal sympathy of this Synod with this devoted band of believers in their important work.

Resolved, That this French Evangelical Church of Canada, composed of converts from the Roman Catholic Church, be commended to the liberality of the friends of a pure Gospel in our Zion, that has through centuries contended "earnestly for the faith."

Resolved, That any moneys so contributed be paid into the Treasury of the Board of Foreign Missions, and that its Treasurer be authorized to pay such moneys to the above Church.

Your Committee have also received the credentials of the several delegates from corresponding bodies who have appeared on the floor of the Synod. On these no action is required.

Respectfully submitted.

G. HENRY MANDEVILLE,

Chairman.

On motion, the name of Elder D. P. Ingraham was substituted for that of Jonathan Sturges, deceased, on the Committee of Conference with the Presbyterian Church.

The Elder John A. Lott was elected as an additional Delegate Primarius, and Elder Jacob B. Jewett Secundus, to the Ecumenical Council.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following were appointed :

*To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America :—*Rev. Prof. S. M. Woodbridge, *Primarius* ; Rev. E. A. Collier, *Secundus*.

*To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South) :—*Rev. G. Henry Mandeville, *Primarius* ; Rev. Wm. H. Clark, *Secundus*.

*To the General Assembly of the Reformed Presbyterian Church :—*Rev. E. W. Bentley, *Primarius* ; Rev. D. K. Bartlett, *Secundus*.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church :—*Rev. N. D. Williamson, *Primarius* ; Rev. Elbert Nevius, *Secundus*.

*To the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church :—*Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, *Primarius* ; Rev. E. S. Fairchild, *Secundus*.

*To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church :—*Rev. C. I. Shepard, *Primarius* ; Rev. J. C. F. Hoes, *Secundus*.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee rejoice in the evidence of progress in our beloved Zion. During the last quarter of a century, God has enabled us to do more than keep pace with some of our brethren who march under kindred colors. Taking the Presbyterian Church "regular," as it is called in the U. S. Census, we find that the Old and New School Churches of 1851, as represented in the Re-union Church and Presbyterian Church, South, of 1874, made a gain, 1851–1874, of 57.73 per cent. in churches, and 71.69 per cent. in communicants. The Reformed Church in America during the same period, 1851–1874, made a gain of 65.57 per cent. in churches, and of 99.29 per cent. in communicants. This gives the Reformed Church the advantage of 13 per cent. greater proportional gain in churches, and 38 per cent. greater proportional gain in communicants.

One of the main elements of a satisfactory Report on the State of Religion is that it tells of many saved souls taking their place in the Church below, as the vestibule of the Church above. In this

blessed element, God permits us to rejoice this year, as 4,450 precious souls have been admitted to our churches on confession of their faith. This is only a slight increase—213—over the number of last year.

But in the characteristics of the work of grace this year, in the 18 churches which gathered more than one fourth of the whole number in their folds, we have God-given lessons, that if heeded, will more than double next year the figures of the present report. The work in most of these churches has been quiet and continuous, beginning and going on, not in an endeavor to make God willing, but with a yielding to and swallowing up in God's will, and a desire to have Him glorify Himself. And it may comfort discouraged brethren and churches to learn that the most marked and wonderful revival of the whole, was in a church hitherto not very prosperous, under a Pastor who had recently been in a position of very great discouragement.

As a special work of grace has been manifested in such a marvelous way in Europe under the labors of our American evangelists, and as we find that a similar work has begun and continued so notably in some parts of our own Zion, under our own Ministers, your Committee feel that we ought to be encouraged to expect a great and glorious ingathering of souls into our communion during the coming year. Our net gain in communicants during the year just closing, has been 2,249, which is 223 more than last year.

The number of families out of which these communicants have been gathered, has been sifted so thoroughly in half of the Classes, that a mistake in the footings of last year's report which your Committee cannot reach, makes an apparent reduction in the number of families. But there has been an actual increase of 695 families, after the elimination of 1,863 by 18 Classes. The mistake in the footings of the statistical tables which occur this year also, ought to be carefully guarded against by those Stated Clerks of Classes and Particular Synods who are in fault. And while this sifting of the lists of families is praiseworthy, when it serves to correct extravagant statements, your Committee would suggest the inquiry, whether there is not danger, that the forming of lists of families simply to regulate the schedules of classical and synodical finances, may divorce the churches from those outlying families, among which they need to carry on their aggressive work for Christ.

In regard to the number of our Churches, there is a point which your Committee believe to deserve careful, prayerful, and practical attention. In the Compendium of the United States Census for 1870, it is stated that the average number of communicants to a church in the Reformed Church in America, which was 132, was the highest average in any denomination. In 1874 this average had grown to 141, while the average for the same year of the Reunion Presbyterian Church was 100, and of the Presbyterian Church, South, 60. According to our present report, the average in our Church is now 146.

Your Committee think that this fact of the unusual average size of our Churches, makes it the duty of the General Synod to press the inquiry, whether it is not incumbent on some or many of the larger churches which cause this unusual average, to give of their members, their means, and their wisdom, towards the formation of new churches. It is pleasant to leave these large churches as they are, but it may be more profitable to them and to the body of Christ, to deplete them by colonizing. We are glad to state that the Second Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has let the contract for two new church buildings in distant parts of the city, which are to be hives for the gathering of honey for the Master's use; that the Church of Orange City, Iowa, whose first report in 1872 gave 38 members, which had grown to 328 in 1874, is establishing another church within its bounds; that the German Evangelical Mission Church of New York city has established two Missions, one of which is self-sustaining, and that according to the report of the Board of Domestic Missions, a similar operation has resulted in establishing a Mission of great promise at Ridgewood, N. J.

Another department of our vital statistics, that of Sunday schools, reports a pleasant advance of 4,703 scholars. The Church cannot give too much of her concentrated piety, talent, force, and proper pecuniary support for the training of the children God has placed under her care.

In reference to the care of the Church for her baptized children, of whom 4,291 are on the lists of the year just closed, it may be important to some to learn, that great interest and profit have followed the practice in one of our large churches, of having special services each year for the baptized youth of ten years before—as

in 1875 for those baptized in 1865—in which their obligations are forcibly set forth, and at the close of which a Bible containing a suitable inscription by the Pastor, is presented to each of them. Other modes will suggest themselves, to those who are in earnest in their endeavors to have the Church of Christ fulfil her obligations to her baptized children.

As our supplies for the Ministry must mainly come from the baptized children of our families, and from those gathered in our Sabbath schools, parents and churches should not only plead with the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest, but should also plead with the youth under their care, to consecrate themselves to this work for the Lord.

The contributions for Benevolence and for Congregational expenses, have been slightly increased over those of the previous year, which is cause for thankfulness, when we consider the continued stringency in monetary matters.

Your Committee feel that the footings of the roll-call of heaven in our churches during the year, which tells us that 1,088 of our members and 5 of our Ministers have exchanged the labors, pains and sins of the church militant, for the rest, the joys, and the holiness of the church triumphant, speak to us in tones of admonition to work while we may on earth, and of encouragement to work with all our might, for the reward may be given us very soon.

Two of our deceased Ministers, Rev. Joshua Boyd of the Classis of Orange, and Rev. Elbert Slingerland of the Classis of Schenectady, came to their graves in a ripe old age; and a third, Rev. A. K. Kasse, of the Classis of Paramus, died full of years. Rev. P. Stryker Talmage, of the Classis of Philadelphia, was called to his rest ere the evening time had come; and the Rev. Josph Kimball, of the South Classis of Long Island, passed away in the fulness of his powers amid the tears of a loving and admiring people.

Your Committee would offer the following resolutions for your adoption:

1. That the Churches be again admonished of the care due to those of their baptized children, who have come to years of accountability.

2. That the attention of our larger churches, and of Classical Committees on Church Extension, be seriously called to the matter

of church colonization, and the formation and sustentation of new church organizations in proper localities.

3. That the second Sabbath in October be set apart in all our churches for preaching and united prayer in behalf of the rich outpouring of the Holy Spirit on every one of our churches and missions, East, West, South, and in Foreign lands.

4. That this report be read from each of the pulpits of our denomination, on its reception in the printed Minutes of Synod, for the information of the people.

All which is respectfully submitted.

N. D. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
First Albany	R. W. Clark	264	29	23	6	19	894	4	11	11	2	900	\$6,860	\$8,750	Albany,	N. Y.
Second Albany	D. K. Bartlett	175	17	10	16	6	297	3	6	6	1	350	2,631	18,182	04 Albany,	"
Third Albany	Vacant	70	9	1	20	1	120	5	2	2	1	256	.....	1,718	14 Albany,	"
Fourth Albany	J. F. Neef	80	37	6	6	2	170	18	.....	30	1	120	90	2,044	45 Albany,	"
Holland Albany	A. Zwemer	80	8	2	4	1	129	11	.....	50	1	83	68	1,125	Albany,	"
Second Berne	W. H. Ballagh	70	8	5	2	1	245	7	.....	30	5	380	31	541	Knox	"
First Bethlehem	W. J. Skillman	150	21	5	11	5	945	14	.....	17	2	150	268	2,277	Albany,	"
Second Bethlehem	J. L. Pearse (s. c.)	90	25	4	2	2	181	14	.....	4	2	380	221	1,675	Adams Station,	"
Clarksville	N. Pearse	26	20	4	2	2	53	.....	.....	.....	1	108	15	825	Clarksville,	"
Coeymans	J. A. H. Cornell	105	2	2	5	2	145	2	.....	.....	1	75	81	1,511	Coeymans,	"
Jerusalem	E. Vedder	86	2	2	5	2	162	2	.....	.....	1	108	92	8,420	Jerusalem,	"
Knox	W. H. Ballagh	28	1	2	2	1	50	.....	.....	.....	1	40	54	567	Knox,	"
New Baltimore	J. I. Zabriskie	74	28	4	2	1	168	10	.....	11	1	151	291	2,004	New Baltimore,	"
New Salem	N. Pearse	85	62	8	8	6	210	11	.....	17	1	136	55	5,288	New Salem,	"
Onisquethaw	E. Vedder	50	8	.....	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	1	40	30	436	Clarksville,	"
Union*	Vacant	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	1	62	.....	.....	Union Church,	"
Westerlo	J. H. Pitcher	50	1	2	1	5	70	4	.....	.....	1	40	.....	.....	Chesterville,	"
Total	Total	1520	268	59	80	1	57,3095	92	77	884	23	2976	\$10,810	\$49,866	88	

Ministries without Charge.—S. Van Santvoord, New Baltimore.

A. Dickson, Lansingburgh.

H. Slauson, Whitehall.

J. P. Pepper, Brooklyn.

* Last Year's Report.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Arcot and 3 out stations.	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	56	5	8	12	2	2	61	11	13	31	81	282	R. A. P.	R. A. P.	Arcot, Madras Presd. S. India.
Arcot " 3 "	"	29	1	6	10	1	1	44	5	5	6	6	107	436 11 8	53 15 6	"
Allendal "	"	16	1	7	4	1	1	26	4	1	1	1	69	5 9	2 2	"
Chittoor and 5 out stations. {	Rev. J. W. Scudder, M.D.	75	18	11	5	2	1	108	8	10	134	134	358	424	67 8	Chittoor
Coonoor and 1 out station	Rev. Andrew Sawyer	57	5	5	1	1	4	68	10	1	4	4	210	45 5 2	95	Coonoor
Gnanadurai & 1 out station	Rev. Zachariah John	23	1	2	5	1	1	45	7	2	5	5	121	30 3	6 7	Arcot
Kandipattur & 1 out station	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	18	6	2	2	1	1	33	3	1	1	1	79	21 13 4	6 11 7	Vellore
Kattupadi and 3 outstations	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	27	1	2	2	1	1	32	3	1	21	21	136	18 15 2	7 1	"
Marutuvambadi	"	13	1	1	1	1	1	15	2	1	1	1	56	11 1 1	8	"
Mudnapilly & 5 out stations	Rev. E. J. Heeren, S. S.	60	2	7	7	2	2	24	2	2	2	2	156	25 15 4	18 12	Palamnair
Palamnair	"	13	4	4	2	2	2	20	1	1	2	2	42	12 1 7	6 6	"
Orattur and 7 out stations	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	89	2	1	1	1	1	81	10	2	1	1	405	47 14 3	12 12 9	Vellore
Sattambadi & 2 out stations	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	17	1	2	1	1	1	41	8	1	1	1	76	18 1	3 8	Arcot
Seckadu and 1 out station	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	27	1	1	1	1	1	30	1	1	15	15	85	26 1	3 12	Vellore
Vellambi	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	20	1	1	1	1	1	38	7	2	2	2	80	9 14 3	5 4	"
Vellore	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	61	1	1	4	1	2	72	9	1	8	8	251	413 15 7	40 13 4	"
Total		601	44	41	52	7	10	738	84	34	223	223	2463	1568 14 4	389 1 5	

Minister without Charge.—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., in America.

• Includes the Contributions of the Missionary.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES
		Census Number of Families	On Confession		Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
En-lish Neighborhood.....	Andrew B. Taylor.....	30	4	5	4	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	60	\$149	..	Ridgefield, N. J.
First Hackensack.....	Theodore B. Romeyn.....	200	12	..	..	..	..	9 269	9 5	150	1	200	2,000	\$8,500	..	Hackensack,
Schraalenberg.....	William R. Gordon, (s. c.).....	150	..	..	..	..	..	5 240	9 1	..	2	175	..	..	..	Schraalenberg,
New Durham.....	William V. V. Mahon.....	82	23	5	2	3	..	3 164	19 7	200	1	300	374	2,418	..	Weehawken,	
First Hoboken.....	Charles Parker.....	30	..	..	..	..	..	86	1	25	1	65	26	562	..	Hoboken,
Third Jersey City.....	J. Howard Suydam.....	200	11	9	1	1	..	1 324	10 1	140	1	330	1,510	7,400	..	Jersey City,	
North Bergen.....	John Justin.....	55	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	43	..	..	..	..	..	Weehawken,
Second Hacken aek.....	Cyrus B. Durand.....	94	..	4	2	..	..	140	5 1	..	1	102	246	76	..	Hackensack,
German, Hoboken.....	Leopold Mohn.....	170	..	..	..	..	..	288	..	..	..	..	..	3,023 65	..	Hoboken,
German, Hackensack.....	Herman Ricke.....	68	49	1	1	..	..	94	23	12	..	80	24	773 89	..	Hackensack,
Closter City.....	Peter V. Van Buskirk.....	60	8	1	..	4	..	4 99	5 8	..	1	175	93 10	1,679 78	..	Closter City,	
Palisades.....	Henry Mattice.....	110	9	1	4	1	..	70	8	..	1	150	193 23	1,265 90	..	Fort Lee,	
Guttenberg.....	P. Q. Wilson, S. S.....	50	..	1	2	1	..	35	4	75	..	150	..	417 37	..	..
Central Ave. J. C. Heights.....	Vacant.....	32	..	..	..	..	..	42	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total.....	Total.....	1331	125	31	30	5	31	1910	93	18	645	11	1787	\$4,788 29	\$21,035 49	..	

Ministers without Charge.—A. H. Warner, Hackensack, N. J. C. Wiley, G. L. Wolfe, 144 West Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md. C. D. Buck, Hoboken. James
 H. Ballagh, Missionary, Kanagawa, Japan.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS										BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Number of Families		On Confession		On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion			Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate					On Certificate	On Certificate									
Bergen.....	{ B. C. Taylor, <i>Emeritus</i> . James L. Amerman	195	6	12	427	2	262	16	1	323	2	888	\$2,454 46	\$4766 80	Hudson City, N. J.					
First Jersey City	William W. Halloway, Jr.	105	10	8	6	1	150	9	1	96	1	135	900	4,811 81	Bergen and Highland Aves. J. C.					
First Bayonne	Charles H. Stitt	72	10	12	2	10	154	1	...	80	1	151	342 79	3,304 72	Jersey City,					
First Van Vorst	Paul D. Van Cleef	140	9	10	13	10	263	11	...	175	2	300	1,610 61	5,081 47	Bayonne.					
Bergen Point.....	Henry W. E. Jones	97	13	2	10	6	148	7	1	115	1	155	1,750	4,250	Jersey City,					
Second Hudson City	Charles Doeppeinschmidt	65	10	8	8	2	139	15	...	81	1	300	152 15	1,763 05	Hudson City,					
Lafayette	Wm. Rankin Duryee (s.c.)	80	4	10	8	1	159	16	...	15	1	175	1,022 71	4,128	149 Pacific Av. Jersey City,					
West End	Wm. H. Van Doren	50	8	11	4	1	52	6	1	100	1	120	23 54	1,321 23	St. Paul's Av. Hudson City,					
Greenville	Alex. H. Young	43	9	8	1	1	54	6	1	94	1	149	34	1,382 13	Greenville,					
Free Jersey City	Andrew J. Park	95	24	5	5	1	123	24	...	...	1	250	88 60	728 71	Jersey City,			
Third Bayonne	*Vacant	36	2	2	...	1	46	2	...	...	1	58	...	225	Bergen Point,			
South Bergen	Isaac P. Brokaw	45	10	436	...	46	...	1	...	...	1	115	200	1,590	27 Oak St., Jersey City Heights.			
	Total	1023	108	111	84	2	24	1596	108	4	1029	14	2296	\$8,578 86	\$34,551 92					

* Supplied by Rev. G. B. Schick, Probationer, 171 Montgomery St., Jersey City.

+ 17 to S. Bergen Reformed Church.

+ 20 at organization.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census Number of Families	On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Canastota	Vacant	33	1	1	1	1	54	1	1	1	1	50	\$20	\$850	Canastota, N. Y.
Chittenango	Jacob H. Enders	86	5	1	1	1	89	1	4	100	2	125	370	1,500	Chittenango, "
Cicero	Vacant	53	1	1	1	1	40	1	1	25	1	120	642	620	Cicero, "
Lysander	Wm A. Wurts (s o)	70	5	1	1	1	120	1	1	8	1	75	1,000	1,000	Lysander, "
Naumburg	John Boehr	25	3	1	1	1	66	5	1	1	30	59 63	207 51	Naumburg, "	
New Bremen	John Boehr	26	1	1	1	1	40	8	1	140	2	200	130	600	New Bremen, "
Owasco	George H. Peeke	150	4	1	1	1	85	1	1	180	1	40	76 52	1,730	Owasco, "
Artemus Outlet	Artemus Dean	48	1	1	1	1	70	1	1	30	1	500	1,023 84	793	Owasco Lake, "
Syracuse	Martin L. Berger	143	14	8	6	1	234	8	10	892	1	60	65	4,516 88	Syracuse, "
Thousand Isles	George Rockwell*	140	11	1	1	1	246	5	6	60	1	160	7,780 10	550	Alexandria Bay, "
Utica	Isaac S. Hartley	141	5	6	1	1	212	9	2	60	1	180	17 10	5,807 99	Utica, "
West Leyden	Jacob Weber	88	1	1	1	1	462	9	1	180	1	180	440 96	West Leyden, "	
	Total	848	46	23	17	1	29 1218	32	25	755	12	1540	\$9,548 19	\$18,638 34	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. S. R. Brown and Rev. G. F. Verbeck, Nagasaki, Japan.

* Missionary.

† Revised list, out stations being dropped.

‡ Revised list. †

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES	
		Census Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Detroit.....	H. K. Boer, S. S.....	84	8	12	2	...	3	57	5	...	31	...	...	\$6	\$313 70	609 Clinton Av., Detroit, Mich.
Fremont Center.....	Vacant	19	1	5	...	1	2	20	3	...	20	...	...	10	150	Fremont Center,
First Grand Haven.....	E. C. Oggel.....	267	11	13	3	...	3	235	62	1	163	1	270	222 60	8,006 30	Grand Haven,
Second Grand Haven.....	E. Van der Hart.....	70	7	8	4	...	1	90	14	...	120	1	145	454 60	796 30	Grand Haven,
Second Grand Rapids.....	N. H. Dosker.....	501	47	45	...	1	8	748	123	1	400	1	400	2,087 62	6,759 72	Grand Rapids,
Grandville.....	W. P. de Jonge.....	60	5	6	5	...	...	75	19	...	30	1	50	111	543	Grandville,
Kalamazoo.....	A. Krickard.....	260	32	5	10	...	1	828	74	...	206	1	220	984	2,400	Kalamazoo,
Muskegon.....	J. Van der Meulen.....	195	20	7	3	...	2	202	56	...	160	1	170	559	1,700	Muskegon,
Polkton.....	M. Kiekintveld.....	70	4	...	1	...	3	75	11	...	75	...	...	61 05	516 61	Eastmanville,
South Haven.....	H. K. Boer, S. S.....	19	5	2	...	...	1	25	4	...	83	...	...	18 92	329 32	South Haven,
Spring Lake.....	James De Pree.....	96	10	4	6	1	2	84	21	...	91	...	100	117 27	846 43	Spring Lake,
		1591	145	107	39	3	31	1939	392	2	1334	7	1355	\$4,632 06	\$17,422 98	

Minister without Charge.—Rev. C. Van der Meulen, Grand Rapids.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Arcadio	Vacant	22	2				1	31	5		16	1	25		\$240	East Newark, Wayne Co. N. Y.
Buffalo	Vacant	48		2				67	1			1	75		899 50	Buffalo
Cato	J. H. Van Doren	86	14	8	4			210	13			1	85	\$148 80	1,361 44	Cato, Cayuga Co.
Cleveland	D. Brook															Cleveland
Caroline	Vacant	65	6		1		2	175	12		65	1	65	93	730	Slaterville, Tompkins Co. N. Y.
Clymer*	G. J. Renskers	12	2	1	4			29	1			1	17	14	79	Clymer, Chautauque Co.
Dunkirk	Vacant	102	18	15	2		3	218				1	80	180	700	Dunkirk
East Williamson	A. B. Veenhuisen	52						78	1			1	80	94 06	670 25	Williamson, Wayne Co.
Fair Haven	J. L. Southard	110	8	8	3		1	210				1	100	151 71	1,926 21	Fair Haven, Cayuga Co.
Farmer Village	J. C. Forsyth	99	5	2	6		2	180		4	90	1	90	318 49	2,443 13	Farmer Village, Seneca Co.
Geneva	Wm. W. Brush															Geneva, Ontario Co.
Ithaca	Vacant	130	8	2	4		2	173	7	1	158	1	198	292 49	3,849 81	Lodi, Seneca Co.
Lodi	H. P. McAdam	160	12	25	6	2	4	317	26	1	37	1	140	124 90	1,098 21	Marion, Wayne Co.
Marion	J. W. Warnshuls	18			7			38			16	2	31	34 95		Mina, Chautauque Co.
Mina Corners	Vacant	473	2	9	11		8	5129	15		31	1	80	79 92	1,596 39	Pultneyville, Wayne Co.
Pultneyville	P. G. M. Bahler	195	42	6	4	3		289	40		50	1	130	1,509 22	3,129 53	Pultneyville, Monroe Co.
Rochester	P. De Bruyn	40	1					60	5		19	1	50	68 76	650	Rochester, Monroe Co.
Tyre	W. D. Buckelew	86	2	2	1			44					40	124	875	Magae's Cor., Seneca Co.
Clymer Village*	L. J. Jongeneel															Clymer, Chautauque Co.
Total.....		1248	112	79	53	15	22	2498	125	6	482	17	1286	\$8,105	\$18,873 49	

Ministery without Charge.—Rev. J. Whitbeck (s. c.), Ithaca, Tompkins Co. Rev. A. M. Mann, Farmer Village, Seneca Co. Rev. P. B. Bahler,

Minist'ers without Charge.—Rev. J. Whitbeck (s. c.), Ithaca, Tompkins Co.

Rev. A. M. Mann, Farmer Village, Seneca Co.

Rev P. B. Bahler,

Pultneyville, Wayne Co.

* Last year's report.

+ Pastor elect.

+ Revised list.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census		COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Number of Families	Rec'd	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
First Athens	Alan D. Campbell	86	8	1	2			3	132	5	6	20	1	50	\$163 94	\$1,400 66	Athens, N. Y.
Second Athens	L. S. Demund, S. S.	15	1					1	22					15	15	184	Coxsackie, "
Catskill	J. B. Thompson,	250	66	7		1		5	380	4	19		1	202	212 73	4,784 88	Catskill, "
First Coxsackie	Maurice G. Hansen,	95	5	2	2			7	134	1	3	39		75	313 95	1,652	Coxsackie, "
Second Coxsackie	A. F. Munn	90	10	4	7			6	207	8	2			100	501 70	2,449	Coxsackie, "
Kiskatom	Paul T. Deyo	90	28		4			5	244	7	11			60	108 26	1,061 22	Catskill, "
Leeds	B. Van Zandt, (S. C.).	60		2				3	121	5				90	190	1,032 20	Leeds, "
Morrisville and Gilboa	Vacant			2				3	70					50	60 45	1,140	Prattsville, "
Prattsville	James C. Garretson *	82	1					1	93	1				45		1,000	Roxbury, "
Roxbury	John W. Hammond	66															
Total		831	119	18	15	1		34	1433	31	41	59	4	717	\$1,566 03	\$14,703 96	

William Johns, Herkimer, N. Y.

Ministers without Charge.—Matthias Lusk, Coxsackie, N. Y., aged and infirm.

* Pastor elect

Candidate.—James C. Garretson.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Census	Number of Families	On Certificate			Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
				On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed										Suspended	Died
Beaverdam	John Broek	63	7	10	1	1	105	16	115	1	105	\$321	\$1,489	Zeeland, Ottawa Co., Mich.	
Drenthe	Vacant	27	1	1	1	1	51	5	80	1	89	258	1,300	Vriesland "	
Ebenezer	A. C. Kuiper	60	8	3	1	1	115	12	75	1	60	215	13	Holland "	
Fyngaert	J. F. Zwemer	44	18	5	2	2	73	7	63	1	74	104	62	E. Saugatuck, Allegan Co. "	
Graafschap	Wm. Van der Kley	65	22	4	6	4	139	10	40	1	75	104	87	Graafschap "	
First Holland	R. Pieters	129	17	24	16	2	260	81	130	1	235	1,371	50	Holland, Ottawa Co. "	
Third Holland	H. Uiterwyk	151	17	10	11	1	234	41	130	1	256	1,600	91	Holland "	
Threestown	John Van der Meulent	45	4	10	2	1	71	6	40	1	70	140	86	Forest Grove "	
North Holland	B. Van Ess	110	3	6	2	1	107	22	148	1	240	243	20	New Holland "	
Overysel	G. J. Nykerk	160	6	1	5	1	333	28	300	1	280	568	45	Overysel, Allegan Co. "	
East Overysel	Vacant	19	7	1	1	1	30	8	20	1	280	15	101	" "	
Rotterdam	Vacant	40	2	11	3	1	44	15	30	1	45	81	280	Cawker City, Kansas	
Saugatuck	Vacant	39	11	3	14	1	69	9	36	1	160	335	52	Saugatuck, Allegan Co. Mich.	
Vriesland	Peter De Pree	93	18	3	7	2	148	21	120	1	925	831	87	Vriesland, Ottawa Co. "	
Zabriske Memorial Church	Vacant	240	33	10	12	5	11	440	46	1	325	2,300	2,061	Hamilton, Allegan Co. "	
Zeeland	William Moordyk (s. c.)	1285	168	101	52	8	44	2119	277	1	1652	\$6,563	\$17,908	Zeeland, Ottawa Co. "	
Total															

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, Holland, Mich.

Rev. P. Phelps, Jr., President Hope College, Holland, Mich.

Rev. T. R.

Beck, Professor in Hope College, Holland, Mich.

Candidate.—N. Neerken, Holland, Mich.

† Pastor elect.

CLASSES OF HUDSON.—P, S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Census Number of Families	On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Hudson	John McC. Holmes, (s. c.)	200	20	12	5	...	8	445	5	12	...	1	300	\$2,534 72	Hudson,	N. Y.
First Claverack	John W. Schenck	99	...	...	3	...	1	209	3	...	...	2	200	235 88	Claverack,	"
Second Claverack	A. J. Sebring	200	8	2	9	...	1	183	3	1	...	1	200	700 78	Mellenville,	"
Linlithgow	Thomas S. Dushinberre	94	1	2	4	...	3	136	5	...	...	1	60	180 95	Livingston,	"
Greenport	John S. Hinrod	97	7	2	2	...	2	106	8	3	...	2	130	400	Hudson,	"
Germantown	James Wyckoff	88	3	1	1	...	1	153	8	1	...	1	86	54 50	Germantown,	"
Upper Red Hook	Joseph Scudder	80	6	1	2	...	1	127	15	4	...	1	118	241 09	Upper Red Hook,	"
Taghkanic	John B. Church	73	3	6	1	...	8	131	7	...	...	1	127	102 70	West Copake	"
Greenbush	De Witt B. Wyckoff	75	7	2	...	...	1	119	3	2	...	1	90	154 13	Mount Ross,	"
Livingston Ch. of Linlithgo	C. Van Santvoord, S. S.	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,163 29	Linlithgow,	"
	Total	1060	49	22	28	...	21	1609	57	23	....	11	1311	\$4,574 70	\$18,711 34	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. H. E. Schermerhorn, Hudson, N. Y. Rev. P. Van Wyck, Hudson, N. Y. Rev. John H. Bevier, Hudson, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Fair View	John S. Jorammon (s. c.).	116	8	1	1	1	3	193	12	...	80	8	170	\$429 55	\$1,600	Fair View, Fulton Co., Ill.
Pekin	Ed. P. Livingston, S. S.	65	5	3	1	1	1	81	4	1	...	1	200	51	2,731 66	Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill.
Spring Lake	William B. Gilmore	23	6	5	1	1	1	37	...	8	...	1	43	158 40	373 41	Manito, Tazewell Co., Ill.
Raritan	Samuel A. Bunstead	45	2	4	5	1	1	150	...	...	20	2	90	200	800	Raritan, Henderson Co., Ill.
Bushnell	George D. W. Bodine	52	4	4	5	1	1	120	...	...	...	1	100	72 75	1,660 61	Bushnell, McDonough Co., Ill.
Davenport	Henry E. Decker, S. S.	50	1	2	2	5	79	288	...	...	150	1	50	25	2,300	Davenport, Iowa.
First Pella	Elbert Winter	205	11	11	1	5	24	24	...	1	...	1	200	1,022 41	3,665 82	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Second Pella	George Seibert, S. S.	25	5	2	1	1	72	72	3	2	...	1	270	22 10	636 11	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Reboul	Vacant	44	3	...	1	...	1	33	...	...	25	1	55	300	619 83	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Leyden Centre	H. H. Johnson, S. S.	40	2	2	2	1	1	50	8	2	10	1	60	166	905	Jefferson, Cook Co., Ill.
Third Pella	K. B. Welland	200	6	2	8	6	153	36	...	2	160	1	190	200	1,700	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Fourth Pella	H. Stobbe	45	7	6	3	116	20	60	...	...	125	1	60	90 33	2,760	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Am. Ref Chicago	Uriah D. Gulick	65	4	11	5	2	100	8	...	...	125	1	125	862 73	3,316 55	Chicago, Ill.
Oley	Vacant	10	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	1	65	...	...	Oley, Iowa.
Orange City	Sime Bolks	234	11	9	3	1	338	50	...	...	128	1	210	...	...	Orange City, Sioux Co., Iowa.
Norris	A. J. Beckman, S. S.	30	1	1	1	12	12	...	...	...	...	1	30	...	...	Norris, Fulton Co., Ill.
Norwood Park	Albert V. Gulick	23	2	1	2	29	29	2	...	...	50	1	76	89 30	935 37	Norwood Park, Cook Co., Ill.
Somerset	Joseph Mayou, S. S.	20	2	5	6	1	24	4	...	...	...	1	35	24	187	Somerset, Miami Co., Kan.
Irving Park	Abram G. Lansing, S. S.	61	8	4	23	9	1	23	...	...	...	1	92	171 91	1,682 91	Irving Park, Cook Co., Ill.
Parkersburg	Vacant	30	58	3	...	61	21	...	...	...	...	1	40	...	...	Parkersburg, Iowa.
Second Pekin	Vacant	23	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	106	Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill.
Total		1426	95	57	1	32	2061	177	10	1008	24	2251		\$3,905 58	\$25,274 27	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. D. Wilson, Fair View, Ill.

Rev. J. F. Thoms, Bushnell, Ill.

Rev. C. D. Elting, Raritan, Ill.

Rev. A. J.

Butler, Pella, Iowa.

Rev. A. Thompson, Rector Grammar School, New Brunswick, N. J.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census	Number of Families	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
Bloomingtondale.....	M. F. Liebenau, S. S.....	456	8	8	2	2	2	496	1	2	.....	2	100	\$22	\$913	Creek Locks, Ulster Co. N. Y.	
The Clove.....	Wm. H. Vroom.....	150	20	8	2	2	2	164	15	5	71	4	235	311	56	1,224	High Falls, "
Dashville Falls.....	Wm. N. Todd.....	100	3	1	3	1	1	147	1	2	.....	4	145	58	25	413	Rifton Glen, "
Gulford.....	C. E. Lasher.....	100	6	1	1	1	1	87	5	2	80	4	171	64	11	1,730	Gardiner, "
Hurley.....	J. F. Harris.....	65	1	1	1	1	1	113	5	1	50	1	100	193	04	760	Hurley, "
North Marletown.....	J. F. Harris.....	70	1	1	1	1	1	112	6	1	40	1	80	87	20	545	"
Second Kingston.....	Jas. Demarest, Jr.....	140	7	4	5	5	5	4319	6	1	230	1	305	883	91	3,525	Kingston, "
Marletown.....	V. M. Hulbert.....	170	14	1	3	3	3	274	12	6	36	2	170	129	15	1,552	Stone Ridge, "
New Paltz.....	Philip Peltz, (s. c.).....	250	12	2	4	4	4	388	14	4	192	6	294	1071	14	2,732	New Paltz, "
Rochester.....	S. P. M. Hastings.....	120	2	2	4	4	4	147	13	.....	75	5	200	174	09	1,213	Accord, "
Rosendale.....	M. F. Liebenau.....	60	1	1	1	1	1	99	5	6	.....	1	100	23	42	1,627	Rosendale, "
Samsonville §.....	Vacant.....	44	1	1	1	1	1	46	7	.....	34	1	40	2	40	115	Cripplebush, "
St. Remy.....	Wm. N. Todd.....	26	2	2	5	5	5	44	1	.....	15	.....	40	.....	.....	115	Rifton Glen, "
Total.....	Total.....	1351	70	28	26	26	31	2036	83	28	823	29	1940	\$3,019	45	\$17,104	77

Ministors without Charge.—Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, Kingston, N. Y. Rev. James R. Lente, Emeritus, Blooming Grove, Orange Co. N. Y.

† Last year's report. § Hereafter to be known as Krumville.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES		
		Census Number of Families	On Confession		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
			Rec'd	On Certificate												
Jamaica.....	J. G. Van Slyke.....	130	14	7	...	10	276	9	5	10	1	115	\$593 01	\$2,802 77	Jamaica, L. I.	
Newtown.....	C. I. Shepard.....	120	9	1	+12	4	204	5	4	...	2	275	748 55	2,744 25	Newtown, " "	
Oyster Bay.....	Minor Swick.....	100	2	...	...	3	109	7	2	...	2	130	200 69	2,279 92	East Norwich, " "
North Hempstead.....	Wm. E. Davis.....	85	...	...	...	8	107	6	...	...	1	75	63	1,939 39	Manhasset, " "
Williamsburgh.....	E. S. Porter.....	380	11	3	5	...	3 498	12	4	...	3	1000	1,100	18,000	Brooklyn, E. D. " "	
Astoria.....	Matt. L. Haines.....	67	20	28	4	...	4 131	8	3	...	1	155	1,054 91	3,010 35	Astoria, " "	
Flushing.....	O. E. Cobb.....	90	2	6	11	2	2 199	1	...	75	1	150	400	4,600	Flushing, " "	
Greenpoint.....	Lewis Francis.....	214	22	12	18	...	2 336	18	7	...	2	599	442 76	3,823 85	Brooklyn, E. D. " "	
South Bushwick.....	George D. Hulst.....	100	8	5	7	...	3 164	11	1	...	3	310	169 28	3,162 56	15 Himrod St., Brooklyn, E. D.	
Second Astoria.....	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer.....	30	32	2	...	1	149	70	1	25	1	120	...	1,500	Astoria, L. I.	
East Williamsburg.....	Wm. Ferris.....	30	3	2	...	...	27 8	...	...	63	1	100	221 53	1,067 51	34 Vesey St., New York City.
Second Newtown.....	John Wenisch.....	18	5	...	...	...	47 3	...	...	13	1	23	3 38	200 34	Newtown, L. I.
Queens.....	Vacant.....	65	...	1	...	1	106	...	...	...	1	174	77 40	1,668 06	Queens, " "
Ger. Ev. Brooklyn, E. D.....	J. M. Wagner.....	240	35	...	3	6	437 160	1	260	...	2	530	185 25	1,500	315 Graham Ave. Brooklyn, E. D.	
Sayville.....	G. Van Emmerik.....	50	5	9	...	...	71 3	...	6	...	3	36	38 25	617 20	Sayville, L. I.
Locust Valley.....	Vacant.....	54	2	2	1	...	...	3	5	...	...	1	100	751	Locust Valley, " "
College Point.....	E. S. Fairchildt.....	35	10	2	...	...	2 89	14	...	...	8	1	200	300	College Point, " "
St. John's Laurel Hill.....	W. D. Perryt.....	30	3	16	...	...	11	1	...	...	...	81	70	700	113 William St., New York.
First Reformed L. I. City.....	Organized April 12th, 1875	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	Total.....	1888	183	96	61	2	45	2962	843	28	460	26	4203	\$5,724 89	\$58,966 70	

Ministers without Charge.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. J. B. AMer,
125 East 71st St., New York City. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, (s. c.) Astoria, L. I.

+ Pastor Elect,
† To form Church at Laurel Hill.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

JUNE, 1875

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Number of Families	On Confession		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
			Rec'd	On Certificate												
Brooklyn	Vacant	185	7	3	4	...	4	430	1	1	...	2	752	\$8,844 21	\$5,568 68	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	140	9	2	7	...	2	274	18	2	150	1	802	3,000	...	Flatbush, "
Vacant	Vacant	62	...	...	...	...	...	28	2	...	...	1	70	15	...	Flatbush, "
New Utrecht	David S. Sutphen, (s. c.)	95	11	4	4	1	7	209	2	...	100	3	332	353 74	2,400	New Utrecht, "
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	125	4	2	...	...	4	187	13	1	...	2	185	910 20	2,815 92	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	Anson DuBois	80	...	...	...	...	3	160	6	...	80	2	200	213 38	2,310 52	Flatlands, "
New Lots	Charles W. Wood	90	13	5	1	...	3	134	11	3	...	1	90	170	2,104	New Lots, "
East New York	Vacant	60	...	...	...	...	3	100	1	...	175	1	875	134 48	2,201 47	East New York, "
South Brooklyn	H. V. S. Myers	43	5	3	4	...	2	49	4	...	...	1	160	820 46	10,725 31	Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	311	17	24	22	...	5	516	11	6	288	1	439	...	9,951 27	Brooklyn, "
Twelfth Street	N. P. Pierce	140	10	12	1	2	2	292	14	1	100	1	600	11,586 07	1,712 52	Brooklyn, "
Church on the Heights	David Inglis	127	17	14	24	...	12	387	9	2	116	2	492	48	22,900	New Brooklyn, "
New Brooklyn	C. F. C. Suckow	90	25	...	14	...	3	264	59	...	85	1	150	105	613 15	Brooklyn, "
East Brooklyn	J. Halsted Carroll	187	45	44	9	...	5	464	13	16	77	1	403	...	...	Rockville Centre, L. I.
Rockville Centre	Vacant .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rockville Centre, L. I.
Second Flatbush	Vacant	31	21	...	5	...	1	75	9	...	...	1	60	19 93	...	Flatbush, N. Y.
Total		1766	185	114	105	3	56	3606	173	32	1171	21	4630	\$30,695 52	\$73,150 31	

Minist'ers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Ferris, Secretary Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. John A. Lansing, Secretary of Board of Publication, 34 Vesey Street, New York.
 Rev. Daniel Kapalje, Missionary to China. Rev. Alexander Shaw, Bethany Chapel.
 Rev. R. G. Strong, Flatbush, L. I. Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y. Rev. J. H. Manning, Brooklyn.

* Includes \$1,050 contributed to 12th Street Church, not credited on Church Building Fund.

† To form Second Church Flatbush.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES						
		Census		Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults		Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Battle Creek	Adam H. Van Vranken	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	56	...	\$100	Battle Creek, Michigan.
Centreville	John W. Beardslee (s. c.)	107	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	220	\$239 58	254 61	Centreville "
Constantine	Peter Moerdyk	70	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	200	128 96	1,462 82	Constantine "
Grand Rapids	Abel T. Stewart	52	19	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	125	57 45	1,205 41	Grand Rapids "
Hope	John A. De Spelder	41	4	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	106 73	1,381	Holland "
Macon	N. Dubola Williamson	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	17 44	810	Macon "
Porter	John A. De Spelder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	South Bend, Indiana.
South Bend	John A. De Spelder	84	2	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	335	59 30	1,075 44	South Bend, Indiana.
South Macon	Total	388	81	17	11	1	11	572	26	5	...	...	...	...	11	996	\$644 59	\$8,281 28	Macon, Michigan.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Charles Scott, Professor in Hope College, Holland, Mich. Rev. J. G. Tarbell, Emeritus, Alamo, Mich.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Freehold.....	Theodore W. Wells.....	100	12	13	1	...	2	4183	8	4	90	3	130	\$314 25	\$1,817 08	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N. J.
Second Freehold.....	Charles S. Hageman.....	105	4	7	9	...	7	197	1	...	110	1	140	375 91	2,470	Freehold,
Holmdel.....	William Reiley.....	90	11	1	...	...	1	158	6	9	...	1	...	473 28	1,200	Holmdel,
Spotswood.....	Ralph Willis.....	50	4	2	7	...	2	75	5	1	30	1	40	...	780	Spotswood,
Middletown.....	Luther H. Van Doren.....	39	6	3	3	...	...	65	8	3	25	1	60	75	950	Middletown,
Keyport.....	Elias Mead.....	55	8	4	3	...	3	76	12	...	60	1	80	102 95	1,886 89	Keyport,
Long Branch.....	James B. Wilson.....	66	20	1	2	...	1	153	5	8	40	3	200	136 65	2,899 78	Long Branch,
Colt's Neck.....	James Bolton, (s. c.).....	73	...	...	9	...	2	228	4	...	100	2	125	110	1,225	Colt's Neck,
Highlands.....	A. W. Allen,*.....	22	13	...	...	...	...	13	...	10	...	1	...	...	...	Highlands,
Total.....	Total.....	600	78	81	34	...	18	1148	44	85	455	14	775	\$1,558 04	\$13,175 25	

Ministers without Charge.—Garret C. Schenck, Alexander C. Millspargh, Marlborough, Monmouth Co., N. J. Samuel Lockwood, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J.
Licentiate.—James W. Hageman, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J. * Pastor elect. † Corrected census.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES		PASTORS		COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Census		Number of Families	On Certificate					Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
			On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died									
Auriclesville*	Vacant	50					44	8	1				45	\$425	\$1,862	Auriclesville, N. Y.
Canajoharie	Richard K. Williams	130	4		2	1	167	8	1			1	200	\$425	\$1,862	Canajoharie, "
Columbia	James M. Compton	65					44	2			10	1	30	12	400	Columbia, Herkimer Co.
Currytown	Edward G. Ackerman	88	4		4		56	2	1			1	45	76	551	Rural Grove, N. Y.
Ephratah	W. B. Van Benschoten	65			1	2	53	7			40	2	80	25	524	Ephratah, Fulton Co.
Florida	Richard A. Pearse	100	4				121	8	2			2	120	90	424	Minerva, Montgomery Co.
Fonda	Thomas W. Jones	212	16		6	8	329	5	9				425	813	1,200	Fonda, "
Fort Plain	Alexander B. Riggs	130	8		5		119	5	2		60	1	160	382	2,057	Fort Plain, "
Fort Herkimer	Vacant															
Fultonville	Francis M. Kip, Jr.	106	6		3	1	119	2	3			2	145	877	1,787	Fultonville, "
Glen	Joseph P. Dysart	100	11		1	1	76	1	9			2	150	1,000	1,150	Glen, "
Hagaman's Mills	A. J. Hageman (s. o.)	70	8		3	1	99	5	4		25	2	100	88	1,150	Hagaman's Mills, "
Herkimer*	Vacant	23					34									
Herkimer	G. D. Consaul	123	7		2		141	4	2		80	1	128	185	11,500	Herkimer, Herkimer Co.
Indian Castle	Rufus M. Stanbrough	17					12							1	50	Ingham's Mills, "
Manheim	Rufus M. Stanbrough	40	1		1	2	85	4				1	80	50	941	Ingham's Mills, "
Mapletown	George Sharpley	85	8		3		59		5		40	1	85	45	700	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Mohawk	Francis M. Bogardus	70	1		1		55	8	1		40	1	80	51	1,750	Canajoharie, N. Y.
Port Jackson	John Minor	100	20		7	4	139	10	9			1	109	75	50	Mohawk, Herk. Co.
St. Johnsville	Vacant	90	8				100	6					150	200	4,568	Port Jackson, N. Y.
Stone Arabia	W. B. Van Benschoten	62	5		1		68	21	2		45	2	70	46	25	St. Johnsville, "
Spraker's Basin*	Edward G. Ackerman	50					40					1	60			Stone Arabia, "
Total		1721	106	35	19	1	87	1900	88	50	23	2212	\$2,946	\$86,374	\$86,374	07

Ministers without Charge.—Abraham Mattice, Fort Plain, Montgomery Co., N. Y.

* Last year's report.

Joseph Knieskern, Cortland, Cortland Co., N. Y.

Gilbert Lane,

CLASSIS OF NEWARK—P. S. N. B.

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Belleville.....	J. Paschal Strong.	125	10	5	9	5	5	185	6	1	1	1	200	\$378 22	\$3,142 66	Belleville, N. J.
First Newark.....	Edward P. Terhune.....	315	15	7	9	5	454	9	9	2	225	2	400	2,970 06	9,886 86	Newark, "
Irvington.....	Henry Velslage (S. C.) ..	125	8	3	1	2	167	4	4	2	120	1	130	175	2,500	Irvington, "
Second Newark.....	Francis V. Van Vranken..	90	10	9	10	3	181	6	3	3	100	1	175	404 40	3,145 17	Newark, "
Franklin.....	A. Messler Quick.....	99	7	5	10	5	120	3	3	8	144	1	144	101 32	1,419 90	Franklin, "
North Newark.....	Charles E. Hart.....	228	33	11	13	9	425	15	9	320	2	420	160	5,469 24	4,254 99	Newark, "
West Newark.....	Vacant.....	80	18	11	13	72	19	25	1	25	1	160	419	1,037 38	10,481 75	Newark, "
Clinton Avenue, Newark.	William J. E. Taylor.....	175	11	14	9	5	301	9	5	234	1	419	240	55 47	1,874 79	Newark, "
East Reformed, Newark.	Cornelius Blauvelt.....	50	6	2	1	1	61	8	1	70	1	100	200	200	13,700	Newark, "
Linden.....	Vacant.....	40	26	20	2	2	54	5	5	30	1	120	450	450	2,400	Woodside, "
Woodside.....	J. M. Macaulay.....	75	6	6	2	2	120	2	2	12	1	50	69	69	950	Brookdale, "
Stone House Plains.....	John Kershaw.....	46	10	—	6	—	118	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total.....		1898	144	82	51	34	2238	86	80	128	14	2568	—	\$11,805 04	\$54,351 12	

Ministers without Charge.—Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J. M. B. Riddle, Hartford, Conn. Barnabas V. Collins, Passaic, N. J. Joseph Wilson, Newark, N. J.

Oscar Geener, Linden, N. J.

* Corrected list. † Last year's report, except contributions.

CLASSES OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession		Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes			
First New Brunswick	Richard H. Steele, (s. c.).	225	21	17	12	..	..	6	508	22	7	130	1	375	\$42,935 *	\$4,014	New Brunswick,	
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears	136	4	5	3	..	..	5	220	7	..	35	6	315	1 185	1,500	Franklin Park,	
Hillsborough	Edward T. Corwin	140	4	10	2	..	..	4	299	7	..	20	7	200	712 79	2,290	Millstone,	
Middlebush	James Le Fevre	108	8	6	4	..	..	4	196	3	1	..	1	150	554 63	1,896	Middlebush,	
Griggstown	Robert G. Williams	52	9	7	11	..	..	1	98	9	2	60	2	100	141 61	2,100	Griggstown,	
Second New Brunswick	Clester D. Hartranft	212	7	5	9	..	..	5	371	5	..	100	2	350	2,902 26	5,506	New Brunswick,	
Bound Brook	Jacob C. Dutcher	87	2	6	2	..	..	2	160	2	1	100	1	191	..	..	Bound Brook,
Third New Brunswick	Charles Meyer, S. S.	16	5	..	..	..	..	..	43	6	..	20	1	40	105	683	New Brunswick,
East Millstone	Alexander McWilliam	80	6	5	9	..	..	1	174	2	..	20	1	100	800	2,200	East Millstone,	
Metuchen	Edward Lord	75	8	14	4	..	..	1	157	6	1	20	2	180	236 25	2,132	Metuchen,	
Total		1131	69	75	56	..	..	29	2221	69	12	555	24	2001	\$49,072 44	\$22,321		

Ministers without Charge.—William H. Campbell, President Rutgers College.

Quick, New Brunswick, N. J. William H. Steele, Newark, N. J. H. W. Brandt, South Africa.

Bogert, Metuchen, N. J. Jacob H. Wyckoff, India.

Candidates.—H. R. Lott, T. De Witt Riley, Professor Rutgers College New Brunswick, N. J.

John L. See, 34 Vesey Street, New York.

Peter J.

N. J. M.

* Legacies and Gifts of John Clark, Esq., included.

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				Rec'd	On Certificate													
Collegiate, New York	Thomas E. Vermilye	600	72	36	20	12	1763	58	12	600	7	1453	831	785	69	15 West 56th Street, 70 West 36th Street, 182 West 43th Street,	N. Y.	
Harlem	James M. Ludlow	147	7	4	4	5	264	7	3	300	1	470	1,568	94	17 West 92d Street,	"		
South New York	G. Henry Mandeville	190	17	7	4	4	495	14	8	3	700	3	10,162	76	327 East 124th Street, 42 West 27th Street,	"		
Staten Island	Ebenezer P. Rogers	145	8	2	2	7	321	9	60	2	425	60	762	4,280	52	Port Richmond, S. I.	"	
Bloomington	James Brownlee	52	5	11	1	1	68	6	60	1	120	1	631	47	816 West 52d Street,	N. Y.		
Madison Avenue	Enoch Van Aken	19	6	21	3	565	14	8	120	1	275	1	1,239	87	153 East 73d Street, 451 Broadway.	"		
Thirty-Fourth Street	Isaac Riley	79	7	12	7	565	42	1	50	1	450	1	2,126	90	82 Second Street,	"		
German Eyan. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	215	16	32	5	175	10	12	240	1	425	1	375	32	Richmond, S. I.	"		
St. Paul's	J. H. Sinclair	95	32	5	17	44	1	175	10	12	240	1	3,250	32	Richmond, S. I.	"		
Richmond, S. I.	Hasbrouck Du Bois	54	18	1	3	157	23	1	28	1	78	1	181	64	Mott Haven, Sea Side, S. I.	"		
Mott Haven	Francis M. Kip	56	14	1	3	146	2	136	1	3	186	1	143	33	1,972 13 248 West 40th Street, 3,287 35 231 East 86th Street,	"		
Huguenots, S. I.	John H. Oerter	40	2	3	3	92	9	2	1	12	1	65	1,083	39	333 34 232 Eighth Avenue, Brookfield,	"		
Fourth German	D. McL. Quackenbush	38	12	1	4	45	2	1	20	1	206	1	375	32	Richmond, S. I.	"		
Prospect Hill	A. H. Bechford	35	4	25	2	1	33	8	221	49	1713	26	5451	875	2,509	Brookfield,	Conn.	
Holland	Ransford Wells	22	92	134	101	2	44	4980	221	49	1713	26	5451	875	2,509	Brookfield,	"	
Brookfield, Conn.	M. N. Steffens	1653	413	134	101	2	44	4980	221	49	1713	26	5451	875	2,509	Brookfield,	"	
Ave. B. Ger. Eyan Church	Hasbrouck Du Bois, S. S.	22	92	134	101	2	44	4980	221	49	1713	26	5451	875	2,509	Brookfield,	"	
Union R. C. High Bridge	J. Huizinga, Miss.	1653	413	134	101	2	44	4980	221	49	1713	26	5451	875	2,509	Brookfield,	"	
Mattoax & Amelia Ct. Hse.	Total	1653	413	134	101	2	44	4980	221	49	1713	26	5451	875	2,509	Brookfield,	Va.	

Minist'ers without Charge.—N. J. Marselus, 292 South Fifth Street, Brooklyn, E. D. A. R. Van Nest, 159 West 23d Street, N. Y. G. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J.

Missionary Pastors.—J. Henry Bertholf, Eighth Avenue and Forty-Fourth Street. Wm. H. De Hart, Eighth Avenue and Forty-Fourth Street. Vernon B. Carroll, 30 West 60th Street, N. Y. John Forsyth, Chaplain, West Point. L. W. Kipp, China. Chas. H. H. Wolff, Japan.

* To form Union Church, High Bridge, N. Y. + Pastor elect.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Brighton Heights	William T. Enyard	127	2	5	2	1	197	20	...	185	1	266	\$421 81	\$4,500	Tompkinsville, S. I.
Washington Square	Mancelus S. Hutton	71	2	2	5	5	195	5	...	80	1	80	1,617	4,330	N. Y. City, 47 East 9th Street.
Bushwick	Stephen H. Meeker, (s. o.)	67	20	2	1	4	230	51	8	45	1	220	300	1,600	Brooklyn, 459 North 2d Street.
Union Ref., 6th Avenue	William B. Merritt	...	28	16	6	6	276	19	8	75	1	220	262 83	5,259 23	N. Y. City, 34 Charles Street.
German Ref. Ch. Norfolk St.	Henry A. Friedel	286	20	...	4	5	388	98	...	90	1	550	570	2,358	N. Y. City, 129 Norfolk Street.
North Brooklyn	Alexander E. Thompson	133	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	150 Clermont Ave., Brooklyn.
	Total	633	72	25	21	21	1245	193	16	475	5	1336	\$3,571 14	\$18,047 23	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. E. Wiggins, New York City Rev. J. B. Steele, Salem, N. Y. Rev. Aaron Lloyd, New York City. Rev. A. C. Hillman, 214 Division Avenue, Brooklyn, E. D. Rev. L. G. Bingham, Middlebush, N. J.

Candidate.—Isaac W. Warner, Brooklyn, E. D.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Census	Number of Families	On Certificate			Total now in Communion		Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
				On Confession	Dismissed	Suspended											Died
Berea.....	Laurence L. Comfort.....	59	4	5	1	6	2	92	4	1	40	1	60	\$97 40	\$380 71	Walden, Orange Co., N. Y.
Bloomington.....	Augustus F. Todd.....	75	13	2	3	3	3	111	2	8	35	1	100	41 75	1,225 43	Bloomington, Sullivan Co., "
Callicoon.....	William Elterich.....	100	18	6	1	6	6	225	37	..	10	1	100	29	550	Callicoon, "
Claryville.....	Vacant.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Claryville, "
Cuddebackville.....	John Du Bois.....	56	12	2	1	1	3	51	1	6	1	1	65	95	612 46	Cuddebackville, Orange Co., "
Deerpark.....	Samuel J. Rogers.....	167	5	17	4	1	9	224	6	3	150	2	370	1,553 09	3,937 60	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville.....	Edward W. Bentley.....	75	1	4	4	4	5	245	4	1	1	1	160	240 30	3,905 30	Ellenville, Ulster Co., "
Fallsburgh.....	Walter S. Brown.....	75	1	4	4	4	5	245	4	1	1	1	160	240 30	3,905 30	Woodbourne, Sullivan Co., "
Fremont.....	William Elterich.....	50	14	1	3	3	85	130	12	..	..	..	60	7 25	147 60	Fremont, "
Grahamville.....	Vacant.....	40	10	2	7	1	1	64	..	..	..	..	100	8	952 17	Grahamville, "
Jeffersonville.....	William Elterich.....	52	15	1	1	1	1	124	28	..	11	1	80	..	..	Jeffersonville, "
Kerhonkson.....	Vacant*.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Kerhonkson, Ulster Co., "
Mamakating.....	Vacant*.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Wurtsboro, Sullivan Co., "
Munniskung.....	William E. Turner.....	51	1	2	1	1	1	54	..	..	..	1	75	..	400	Montague, Sussex Co., N. J.
Montgomery.....	Cornelius Brett.....	191	31	6	2	5	346	20	8	150	1	50	2	200	1,534	Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y.
Newburgh.....	William H. Gleason.....	230	25	11	10	6	455	8	7	50	2	..	350	1,794 94	6,150 20	Newburgh, "
New Hurley.....	Robert H. Beattie.....	112	6	1	4	1	2	153	11	..	..	..	206	178	1,835 39	New Hurley, Ulster Co., "
New Prospect.....	John T. Demarest.....	89	2	2	2	2	1	133	3	..	..	1	..	45 92	..	Pine Bush, Orange Co., "
North Branch.....	William Elterich.....	44	8	..	..	..	..	81	27	..	11	..	30	..	94 21	North Branch, Sullivan Co., "
Shawangunk.....	Cyril Spaulding.....	100	4	5	5	9	251	6	3	60	4	..	100	81 30	1,177 20	Shawangunk, Ulster Co., "
Walden.....	Martin V. Schoonmaker.....	80	6	4	7	1	2	190	8	75	1	75	100	381 75	1,500	Bruynswick, Ulster Co., "
Walkill Valley.....	Benjamin C. Lippincott.....	60	14	1	81	1	81	6	7	15	1	45	100	116 06	1,630 29	Walden, Orange Co., "
Walpack, Lower.....	John F. Shaw.....	90	6	4	3	4	176	7	..	50	2	130	130	96 50	1,350	Shawangunk, Ulster Co., "
Walpack, Upper.....	Gilbert S. Garretson.....	68	4	3	1	..	61	2	1	46	3	46	135	80	800	Bushkill, Monroe Co., Pa.
Wawarsing.....	Goodloe B. Bell.....	105	8	3	1	..	145	..	..	30	2	30	156	156	1,000	Dingman's Bridge, Pike Co., "
Total.....	.....	1969	199	74	73	8	57	3470	193	46	743	27	2466	\$6,592 85	\$30,955 01	Napanoch, Ulster Co., N. Y.

Ministers without Charge.—Samuel W. Mills, Port Jervis, Orange Co., N. Y. John A. Staats, Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y. Henry Morris, Binghamton, Broome Co., N. Y. Nathan W. Jones, Kerhonkson, Ulster Co., N. Y. Robert Pitts, Stroudsburg, Pa.

* No Report.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Acquanconck.....	John Gaston.....	175	34	5	6	1	6	313	17	3	160	1	275	\$1,748 43	\$3,549 14	Passaic, N. J.
Broadway, Paterson.....	William H. Clark, (s o.).....	92	11	2	9	2	2	152	12	4	153	1	215	681 82	3,461 40	Paterson, " "
Clarkstown.....	Ferdinand S. Schenck.....	100	1	5	7	3	8	164	2	...	100	1	100	618 55	2,163 59	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
First Holland, Paterson.....	James Hynssoon.....	82	7	6	4	2	133	24	7	...	34	1	75	34 89	727 50	Paterson, " "
Holland, Hohokus.....	Vacant.....	45	3	19	4	...	66	7	...	...	30	1	...	...	156 87	Hohokus, " "
Holland, Lodi.....	William F. Betz.....	28	15	9	5	...	56	20	...	...	25	1	...	...	769 95	Lodi, " "
Holland, Passaic.....	Francis Roderus.....	...	...	...	...	...	89	39	1	...	...	...	75	...	1,400	Passaic, " "
North Passaic.....	Charles D. Kellogg.....	91	13	9	4	2	155	6	2	...	...	...	240	808	2,639 56	Passaic, " "
Nyack.....	Henry V. Voorhees.....	181	13	8	3	2	296	3	2	100	1	1	273	825 89	6,134 50	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus.....	Goyt Talmage.....	142	19	11	6	158	12	12	2	120	1	12	12	544 36	5,079 55	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack.....	Edward Lodewick.....	70	3	8	4	...	85	7	1	...	...	1	80	38	2,785 54	Park Ridge, " "
Piermont.....	William C. Stitt.....	60	5	2	4	2	82	4	2	...	...	...	100	450 50	2,482	Piermont, N. Y.
Ranapo.....	Vacant.....	66	5	2	1	...	52	4	...	...	...	3	170	...	...	Mahwah, " "
Saddle River.....	William E. Bogardus.....	60	8	...	...	...	85	2	...	...	...	...	75	117 20	1,114	Monsey, " "
Second Totowa.....	John H. Duryea.....	160	20	7	8	2	4	273	13	8	70	1	220	471 56	3,420	Paterson, N. J.
Spring Valley.....	Richard DeWitt.....	70	3	8	9	...	80	1	1	...	...	1	177	50 25	2,241 82	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan.....	George M. S. Blauvelt.....	180	5	6	1	...	8	150	2	1	30	2	150	310	2,900	Tappan, " "
Warwick.....	Ferdin d H. Van Derveer.....	85	1	4	1	...	3	119	1	1	...	...	75	228 75	1,362 37	Warwick, " "
West New Hempstead ...	Benjamin T. Statesir.....	39	1	...	...	4	70	...	...	1	...	1	52	113 25	1,123 53	Monsey, " "
Total.....	Total.....	1676	167	106	67	7	88	2575	176	23	822	22	2472	\$7,041 45	\$43,530 32	

Minister without Charge.—Isaac D. Cole, Spring Valley, N. Y.

Candidate.—William G. Haeselbarth, Nyack, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census Number of Families	Rec'd		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
			On Confession	On Certificate												
Boardville	James E. Bernart, (Miss.)	10	2	2	2	2	80	5	15	1	15	15	\$30	\$125	Wanaque, Passaic Co., N. J.	
Boonton	Frederick F. Wilson	60	1	3	4	4	168	4	.....	1	80	1	100	1,400	Boonton, Morris Co., "
Fairfield	Elbert N. Sebring	90	2	3	3	5	92	1	.....	1	163	1	120	1,475	Fairfield, Essex Co., "
Little Falls	George J. Van Neste	60	2	3	3	1	140	9	70	2	183	2	172	67	Little Falls, Passaic Co., "	
Montville	Isaac H. Collier	115	14	4	.....	1	140	77	80	1	340	2	351	2,400	Boonton, Morris Co., "
Sixth Paterson, Holland	W. A. Houbolt	840	31	28	8	5	502	2	.....	4	260	2	309	59	Paterson, Passaic Co., "
Pompton Plains	J. Henry Whitehead	126	5	1	2	6	225	2	80	2	100	2	289	45	Pompton Plains, Morris Co., N. J.	
Pompton	John N. Jansen, (s. c.)	60	7	4	7	4	137	6	1	80	2	80	185	50	Pompton, Passaic Co., N. J.	
Ponds	Theodore F. Chambers	50	1	.....	.....	38	3	8	30	2	60	1	50	1,200	Oakland, Bergen Co., "
Prackness	Albert A. Zabriskie	75	5	.....	.....	9	66	3	50	1	130	1	303	4,398	Paterson, Passaic Co., "
First Totowa, Paterson	John Steele	100	9	16	4	1	229	11	.....	.....	50	1	180	303	Paterson, "
Wyckoff	Samuel T. Searle	100	10	1	.....	1	110	8	20	1	75	1	151	59	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., "
Total	Total	1186	87	62	28	36	1807	129	7	390	18	1588	\$2,272	\$421,233	20	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Abraham G. Ryerson, Paterson, N. J. Rev. John C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, Passaic Co., N. J., Supt. Schools. Rev. James Demarest, 186 Belleville Avenue, Newark, N. J. Rev. A. Vandewater, Farmingdale, N. J., Teacher.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Harlingen.....	Jno. Gardner.....	140	8	6	..	..	6	258	9	5	75	5	250	...	...	Harlingen, N. J.
Readington.....	John H. Snook.....	280	27	18	5	..	10	361	18	9	..	5	..	\$557	\$2,734	Readington, "
Neshanic.....	{ Gabriel Ludlow and John Hart.....	170	28	8	6	..	3	270	8	6	..	4	..	388	62	Neshanic, "
First Philadelphia.....	Thomas X. Orr.....	125	9	7	5	..	8	255	4	4	..	2	800	1,093	54	7th & Spring Garden Sts., Phila.
Second Philadelphia.....	Chas. P. Masden.....	210	68	29	9	2	3	372	19	22	..	2	575	2,738	09	7,927 12 810 Marshall Street, Phila.
Third Philadelphia.....	Vacant.....	75	20	16	6	..	6	179	9	8	..	1	200	237	1,598	Roxborough, "
Fourth Philadelphia*.....	C. H. McDemond†.....	110	29	20	..	..	1	200	40	2	..	1	225	32	2,600	820 Otis Street, "
Fifth Philadelphia.....	A. Stoll.....	125	71	5	6	1	3	295	7	55	..	6	469	498	2,076	81 Churchville, Penn.
North and South Hampton	H. M. Voorhees.....	120	5	5	4	..	2	220	6	8	..	..	..	900	..	Blawenburgh, "
Blawenburgh.....	W. B. Voorhees.....	65	5	5	..	..	4	150	2	2	..	1	100	..	..	Stanton, N. J.
Stanton*.....	Edward Cornet.....	69	6	7	8	..	6	108	8	1	..	2	94	497	85	Rocky Hill, Som. Co., "
Rocky Hill.....	Herpman C. Berg (s. c.).....	75	14	8	18	..	3	115	4	5	..	1	75	227	80	1,747 50 Clover Hill, "
Clover Hill.....	M. N. Oliver.....	95	25	2	8	..	210	8	17	..	..	3	180	350	85	Richborough Bucks Co., Penn.
Addisville.....	Isaac Collier.....	31	16	4	..	..	32	2	2	11	..	1	103	..	..	50 Clover Hill, "
Three Bridges.....	Peter D. Oakley.....	1640	321	120	64	..	8	3045	134	145	75	84	2571	\$7,820	75	Richborough Bucks Co., Penn.
Total.....	Total.....	1640	321	120	64	..	8	3045	134	145	75	84	2571	\$7,820	75	\$31,899 99

Minist'ers without Charge.—Rev. G. E. Gramm, 1656 Vienna Street, Philadelphia. Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, Ancoy, China.

Candidate.—John S. Gardner, Harlingen, N. J.

* Last Year's Report. † Associate Pastor Elect. ‡ Pastor Elect. § Stated Supply.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, (s. c.)..	190	7	11	3	3	8	445	9	8	103	1	238	1	\$1,789 07	\$10,287 71	Poughkeepsie,
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	135	7	6	7	5	8	282	4	1	75	2	210	1	2,720 89	5,237 39	Poughkeepsie,
Fishkill	Vacant	94	3	1	3	2	5	161	3	3	70	1	60	1	800	2,000	Fishkill.
Hopewell	G. Taylor	120	42	2	2	2	5	263	7	19	50	8	175	3	231 38	2,317 17	Hopewell Junction,
New Hackensack	H. Ward	115	2	2	2	2	5	145	2	2	40	5	200	1	337 80	1,250	New Hackensack,
Rhinebeck	A. P. Peeke	135	8	8	2	2	9	286	4	9	40	1	140	1	866 65	2,700	Rhinebeck,
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W. Fritts	120	21	4	8	6	6	217	12	12	.....	4	175	1	649 84	8,249 69	Fishkill-on-Hudson,
Hyde Park	H. Dater	75	1	1	8	3	153	13	1	1	.....	1	60	1	88 90	1,200	Hyde Park,
Glenham	Vacant	45	2	1	1	1	1	65	13	1	60	1	60	1	294 63	1,400	Glenham,
Cold Spring	J. C. Van Deventer	36	3	2	1	1	1	47	1	1	60	1	60	1	40	1,400	Cold Spring,
Millbrook	H. N. Cobb	90	9	8	7	7	8	120	5	6	.....	3	150	1	1,085 50	2,000	Millbrook,
Total	Total	1155	100	37	39	2	42	2184	37	48	398	23	1583	1	\$8,471 06	\$32,712 66	
																	N. Y.

Minist'ers without Charge.—Rev. C. Van Cleef, Poughkeepsie. Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. Wm. A. Cornell, Poughkeepsie. Rev. H. Heermance,
Rhinebeck. Rev. A. N. Wyckoff, Matteawan.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census	Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
				On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
First Raritan.	Abram Messler.	200	10	11	5	12	578	18	1	10	225	4	175	\$ 1,109 20	\$1,150	Somerville, N. J.
Bedminster.	Charles H. Pool.	112	22	7	1	7	*233	11	10	27	19	3	200	205 22	1,617 96	Lebanon, "
Lebanon.	James B. Campbell.	162	59	10	6	1	310	27	19	200	214	3	200	214	1,200	Lebanon, "
Rockaway.	William Bailey.	110	16	8	2	2	226	5	1	150	238 81	1	150	214	1,200	White House, "
North Branch.	P. M. Doolittle.	124	2	2	22	1	160	5	4	115	838 46	1	115	238 81	5,352 52	North Branch, "
Second Raritan.	John F. Mosick (s. c.)	200	16	28	14	4	470	19	4	250	838 46	1	250	2100	2,100	Somerville, "
Peapack.	Charles T. Anderson.	100	10	6	2	1	166	8	5	100	81 37	1	100	81 37	1,571	Peapack, "
Branchville.	William Pitcher.	112	11	20	6	2	230	14	2	200	826	1	200	826	1,816 06	South Branch, "
Third Raritan.	Vacant.	130	15	10	15	5	268	15	1	200	540 69	1	200	540 69	1,650 59	Raritan, "
Easton.	C. H. Edgar.	76	4	8	5	1	133	4	1	168	708	1	168	708	11,165 53	Easton, Penn.
Plainfield.	H. F. Schnellendressler†	12	2	1	1	2	41	3	6	25	3 75	1	25	3 75	238 87	Plainfield, N. J.
Central Plainfield.	Vacant.	9	1	1	8	2	21	2	1	114	135 86	1	114	135 86	1,218 93	Plainfield, "
Pottersville.	John A. Davis.	80	13	1	5	1	99	2	5	63	60	1	63	60	1,200	Pottersville, "
High Bridge.	Vacant.	58	2	4	2	2	76	60	1	70	2,600	1	70	2,600	2,600	High Bridge, "
Clinton Station.	Robt. Van Amburg, S. S.	30	4	3	...	...	17	...	1	50	...	1	50	...	2,600	Annandale, "
Wilcox.	Vacant.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Wilcox, Elk Co., Penn.
Total...		1510	134	109	92	1	4130	8	126	48	191	21	2055	\$4,461 83	\$32,851 46	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John Van Derveer, Easton, Penn. Rev. John A. Van Doren, Mill Stone, N. J. Rev. William Cornell, Somerville, N. J.
 Rev. Peter D. Oakley, Neshauc, N. J. Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J. Rev. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan. Rev. H. Doolittle, Somerville, N. J.

* Revised List. † Stated Supply.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	N. Y.	
			Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars			Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Blooming Grove.	Wilson Ingalls.	70	3	3	2	1	80	5	1	1	50	4	120	\$70 70	\$1,219 19	Defreestville,	
Castleton.	George A. Mills.	100	14	4	1	1	169	10	8	1	50	2	150	279 80	1,787 86	Castleton, Rens. Co.	
Chatham.	N. H. Van Arsdale.	150	1	3	4	2	160	2	1	1	...	4	150	375 06	2,675 45	Chatham Village.	
First Ghent.	John B. Drury.	65	18	2	1	1	*90	2	9	30	1	70	116 50	1,115	1,808	Ghent, Columbia Co.	
Second Ghent.	Jacob W. Schenck.	*90	20	2	3	1	145	...	4	3	30	1	85	125	297 07	Stockport "	
Greenbush.	William Anderson.	150	20	3	2	1	256	4	3	...	3	245	155	1,689 12	4,252 83	East Greenbush.	
Kinderhook.	Edward A. Collier.	200	6	2	8	7	344	4	2	88	1	140	461 47	2,100	500	Kinderhook,	
Nassau.	Alfred H. Bush.	150	4	5	2	2	333	5	3	50	1	35	75 55	1,200	1,560 76	Nassau, Rens. Co.	
New Concord.	Cor. S. Mead, S. S.	40	3	...	2	2	45	...	...	15	1	35	50	1,114 56	800	New Concord,	
Schodack.	William Veenschoten	80	1	3	1	...	83	2	...	40	4	100	259 41	\$3,802 88	\$24,555 24	Schodack Landing,	
Schodack Landing.	Vacant.	75	1	4	1	1	128	15	...	...	...	2	135	...	...	Schodack Landing,	
Stuyvesant.	Eibert Nevius (s. c.)	90	5	1	3	5	130	...	...	...	...	2	30	...	...	Stuyvesant,	
Stuyvesant Falls.	William C. Fowler.	50	1	1	1	1	48	3	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	Stuyvesant Falls,	
Total.	Total.	1310	96	33	31	1	3020 11	52	34	303	23	1530	...	...	...	...	...

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census Number of Families	Rec'd		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
			On Confession	On Certificate												
Boght.....	George I. Taylor	44	1	2	1	3	52	2	...	...	1	54	\$46	\$706	Cohoes, N. Y.
Buskirks	Philip Furbeck	50	3	3	...	75	75	...	20	2	60	38	550	4,373 76	Buskirk's Bridge, Cohoes, N. Y.	
Cohoes	Chas. N. Waldron	175	17	18	10	9	319	9	...	...	1	230	485 59	...	Easton, N. Y.
Easton	Abm. H. Meyers	35	...	...	...	45	45	...	...	...	1	20	18 25	...	Fort Miller.
Fort Miller	W. H. Ford*	46	...	...	1	5	80	...	...	...	1	60	110	415	Gansevoort.
Gansevoort	Vacant	32	7	...	...	35	35	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bacon Hill.
Northumberland	W. H. Ford*	66	...	...	...	1	91	...	...	...	1	50	50	810	Cohoes.
Rensselaer	George I. Taylor	28	...	...	...	17	17	...	...	...	1	21	...	400	Schenylerville.
Saratoga	David K. Van Doren	80	1	8	7	140	140	8	154	2	154	226	1,800	1,048	Mechanicsville.	
Schaghticoke	Solomon T. Cole	40	8	3	...	2	73	6	...	2	70	60	1,048	...	Greenwich.	
Union Village	John G. Smart	51	3	3	...	1	84	8	8	1	107	179 40	1,051	4,396 85	West Troy.	
West Troy	Alfred J. Hutton	120	6	9	2	3	208	8	...	1	185	1,011	4,396 85	3,978 88	West Troy.	
West Troy (south)	Selah W. Strong (s.o.)	155	5	10	7	2	243	14	1	133	1	289	494 69	1,200	Wynantskill.	
Wynantskill	C. P. Evans†	50	2	...	2	50	50	...	...	...	1	50	50	...	Wynantskill.
Total	Total	972	50	54	30	27	1520	39	315	16	1306	\$2,765 98	\$20,729 89	...	...

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. O. H. Gregory, West Troy, N. Y. Rev. H. Raymond, Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. John Smith, Greenbush,
N. Y. Rev. J. S. Wyckoff, Wood Haven, Queens Co., N. Y. Rev. J. S. L. Tomb, Eagle Mills, N. Y.

* Pastor elect.

† Last year's report.

‡ Stated supply.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Number of Families	Census	On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
First Schenectady.....	Asbel G. Vermilye.....	190	5365	18	6	7	1	5	385	7	8	375	3	555	\$1,500	\$6,000	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady.....	Vacant.....	132	4200	8	17	9	1	10	200	10	5	.....	1	130	139	83	Glenville
First Glenville.....	William N. Randles.....	132	6213	14	2	8	1	4	213	4	5	.....	2	140	474	1,555	"
Second Glenville.....	Andrew Johnston.....	94	1113	2	3	3	1	8	100	3	3	100	5	150	51	72	Scotia
First Rotterdam.....	John C. Lowe.....	131	92	6	2	1	1	1	8	1	1	.....	3	150	73	63	Pattersonville
Second Rotterdam.....	Vacant.....	100	464	6	2	8	1	3	.....	4	1	.....	3	130	75	680	Schenectady
Helderberg.....	Samuel L. Gamble.....	222	3420	4	6	8	1	12	.....	3	3	.....	6	327	168	2,274	Guildersland Centre
Niskayuna.....	J. A. De Baun (s. c.).....	100	1178	7	2	5	1	5	126	3	3	126	2	126	184	900	Niskayuna
Lishas' Kill.....	John A. De Baun.....	85	1172	4	1	7	1	2	160	2	1	160	2	160	246	50	"
Amity.....	William W. Letson.....	100	1155	2	1	1	1	3	65	1	1	65	1	130	285	1,040	"
Princtown.....	J. Kelly Rhinehart.....	90	166	12	2	1	1	2	75	2	2	75	2	183	168	57	Vischer's Ferry
Craneville.....	John Minor, S. S.....	80	25	1	1	1	1	1	24	1	1	24	1	24	19	289	Dunnsville
Total.....	Total.....	274	842133	84	37	48	2	59	919	29	29	919	30	2199	\$3,885	\$19,804	Port Jackson

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. J. Swits, Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. R. B. Welch, Professor in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. D. B. Hall, Duaneburg, N. Y. Rev. Denis Wortman, Hopewell Junction, N. Y. Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y. Rev. Wm. H. Phraner, Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y. Rev. John Nott, Amsterdam, N. Y. † Revised List.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Number of Families		Rec'd				Infants	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Tab- ernacle Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes	
		On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died									Total now in Communion
Schoharie	Wm. C. Handy	108	2	2	...	...	1	117	1	10	1	60	\$43 88	\$1,509	Schoharie.
Middleburgh	S. W. Roe	92	9	9	4	...	2	140	2	...	2	100	240	1,075	Middleburgh.
Gallupville	J. H. Kershaw, (s. c.) ..	65	10	2	...	...	3	111	3	30	1	120	145	883 76	Gallupville.
Berne	R. Doig	60	...	...	...	...	...	108	...	25	1	50	194 91	594 87	Berne.
Beaver Dam	R. Doig	61	...	...	2	...	1	92	2	20	1	100	76 50	395 64	Berne.
Lawyerville	Vacant*	28	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	1	25	...	...	Lawyerville.
Schoharie Mountain	Vacant	40	9	7	...	...	4	41	...	...	1	40	9 30	3,750	How's Cave.
North Blenheim	E. Miller	35	4	...	...	...	...	34	2	1	1	35	10	450	North Blenheim.
Breakabin	E. Miller	30	...	...	...	...	...	74	...	60	1	80	44 97	435	Sharon Centre.
Sharon	Vacant*	50	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	14	1	75	...	...	Sharon Centre.
Gilboa	J. A. Ball, S. S.	96	...	...	...	...	...	116	...	...	1	84	...	1,348 10	Gilboa.
Eminence	E. Miller, S. S.	7	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	25	1	35	...	55	North Blenheim.
Total	Total	675	36	11	7	...	11	957	9	194	13	804	\$764 06	\$10,495 87	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. S. Lott, 54 Seventh Av., Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. J. H. Van Woert, Lawyerville, Schoharie Co., N. Y. Rev. J. M. Scribner, Middleburgh, Schoharie Co., N. Y.

* Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Number of Families	On Confession		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
			Rec'd	On Certificate												
Blue Mountains	Geo. W. Labaw	130	124	6	1	...	2	264	2	18	34	2	170	\$4	\$552	Saugerties, N. Y.
Catsban	S. Searle	75	4	1	...	...	1	145	6	4	75	1	80	203	1,217 98	Saugerties, N. Y.
Esopus	J. N. Voorhis (s. c.)	100	8	1	...	...	...	68	4	...	70	2	120	...	...	Ulster Park, N. Y.
Flatbush	A. Anderson	135	19	8	5	...	6	286	54	2	102	...	275	285 68	1,712 60	Glascow, N. Y.
Kingston	D. N. Vanderveer	266	20	7	7	...	9	455	5	4	...	1	250	1,266 40	4,592 99	Kingston, N. Y.
North Esopus	A. M. Arcularius	90	...	2	4	...	5	115	7	1	205	1	...	254 87	1,487 78	Port Ewen, N. Y.
Plattekill	W. G. E. See	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Glascow, N. Y.
Saugerties	S. H. Cobb	175	4	3	1	...	4	250	2	1	120	...	160	2,094 53	4,337 42	Saugerties, N. Y.
Shokan	A. Westveer	470	1	4	3	...	2	132	1	...	25	1	60	24	...	Shokan, N. Y.
Shandaken	A. Westveer	436	1	1	1	...	143	...	...	...	...	1	45	10	400	Shokan, N. Y.
West Hurley	C. Blauvelt	62	6	...	...	1	2	148	13	2	40	1	100	...	...	West Hurley, N. Y.
Woodstock	W. S. Moore	60	12	...	1	...	4	102	6	4	40	2	100	44 31	818	Woodstock, N. Y.
Wiltwyck	J. R. Talmage	42	...	7	...	...	1	63	1	...	...	1	150	88 65	1,224 84	Kingston, N. Y.
Total	Total	1244	199	39	23	1	36	2071	101	83	731	13	1490	\$4,275 44	\$16,293 61	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y.

John C. F. Hoos, Kingston, N. Y.

C. Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.

Freese, Calvin Case, Shokan, N. Y.

† Revised list.

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CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			On Confession	On Certificate	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Bronxville	Alfred E. Myers	42	9	1	...	...	59	2	7	...	1	71	\$464 76	\$2,022 27	Bronxville N. Y.
Courlandtown	Joseph A. Harper, P. E.	55	16	7	...	...	59	18	10	...	1	85	25	1,000	Montrose
Fordham	Vacant	55	...	1	...	...	61	2	...	...	1	80	78	1,950	Fordham
Greenburg	Francis Bagley	44	1	2	1	1	40	1	1	...	1	20	...	1,400	Tarrytown
Greenville	R. L. Schoonmaker P. E.	88	4	1	1	1	62	1	...	...	1	55	...	900	Scarsdale
Hastings	Thomas R. G. Peck	85	8	6	6	2	165	10	...	...	2	195	1,040 31	8,582 22	Hastings-on-Hudson
Melrose	George Windemuth	57	20	1	...	...	140	35	...	...	1	180	...	977 32	Morrisania
Mount Vernon	Marcus H. Hutton, (s. c.)	119	8	16	6	5	188	12	8	...	1	209	886 34	4,745 84	Mount Vernon
Peckskill	Isaac L. Kip	66	...	...	...	...	114	...	...	...	1	101	216 74	2,055 94	Peckskill
Tarrytown, First	John K. Allen	109	13	1	7	2	230	4	2	...	1	175	716 82	5,324 04	North Tarrytown
Tarrytown, Second	John A. Todd	100	15	9	10	7	302	6	6	...	1	115	862 84	6,765 86	Tarrytown
Unionville	Lawrence H. Van Dyck	84	1	1	...	...	255	2	2	...	1	30	114 08	675	Neperan
West Farms	John Simonson	54	4	1	2	...	64	2	2	...	1	118	1,256 24	1,738 76	West Farms
Yonkers	David Cole	118	49	12	12	3	280	14	14	...	1	371	1,188 45	5,554 66	Yonkers
Total	Total	976	143	56	46	1	1819	109	46	752	15	1805	\$6,349 58	\$38,591 41	

Ministors without Charge.—Washington Roosevelt, Pelham, N. Y. W. W. Rand, 150 Nassau Street, N. Y. City. Wm. J. Hill, Hibernia, N. Y.

Candidates.—Alex. Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y. Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	Censuses Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sub- sarth Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Alto	John H. Karsten.....	111	13	1	...	1	8	195	34	...	170	...	...	\$350	\$130	Waupun, Wisconsin.
Bethlehem	Vacant.....	32	6	6	2	...	5	32	10	...	60	...	...	60	850	T'n Eight, Milwaukee Co. Wis.
Danforth	L. J. Hulst.....	210	19	...	14	...	284	51	2	...	175	1	185	742 33	8,143 65	Danforth, Iroquois Co., Ill.
Chicago	B. de Bey.....	21	...	...	1	...	89	1	...	...	20	...	...	136 77	120	414 Harrison St. Chicago, Ill.
Franklin	Vacant.....	54	8	...	...	...	53	2	13	...	10	1	50	588 65	884 07	Franklin, Milwaukee Co., Wis.
Foreston	F. E. Schlieder	66	6	3	8	...	66	7	15	...	100	...	...	256	600	Forreston Ogile Co., Ill.
Fulton	J. W. Dunnewold	76	12	2	4	1	160	7	1	...	120	1	140	522 72	932 82	Fulton, Whiteside Co., Ill.
Greenleaf	P. Lepeltak	56	1	1	...	...	79	13	...	...	90	1	60	225	1,100	Gibbsville, Sheboygan Co. Wis.
Holland, Wis.	H. R. Borgers (s. c.)	76	11	1	10	...	163	15	112	1	175	1	100	517 25	1,228 28	Greenleaf, Fillmore Co. Minn.
High Prairie	H. R. Koopman	125	23	6	14	...	223	48	1	...	175	1	155	932 44	1,273 46	Cedar Gr. Sheboygan Co. Wis.
Holland, Neb.	J. W. te Winkel	65	1	14	4	...	2	102	10	...	50	1	45	56	507 78	Calumet, Cook Co. Ill.
Wilwaukee	R. Duiker	60	12	20	4	...	8	148	30	...	150	1	175	806 32	8,345	Holland, Lancaster Co. Neb.
Oostburg	J. Hoffman	36	2	2	7	...	72	10	1	...	52	...	...	76 90	900	613 Tenth St. Milwaukee, Wis.
Peoria	J. Mueller	45	3	...	2	1	43	22	...	...	17	1	118	...	...	Oostburg, Sheboygan Co. Wis.
Ebenezer Church	L. Watermuelder .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Peoria, Ill.
South Holland	A. Buursma	192	14	15	14	1	165	23	...	...	110	1	110	520	1,425 16	Oregon, Ogile Co. Ill.
Silver Creek	N. M. Steffens	21	11	...	...	...	153	27	...	...	80	1	112	616 17	1,856 05	South Holland, Cook Co. Ill.
Sheboygan Falls	Vacant.....	13	8	5	...	...	24	1	...	...	30	...	...	76 49	110	Freeport, Ill.
Rec. Rel. Ch., Neb.	Vacant.....	30	7	29	...	...	...	...	8	...	29	...	...	...	...	Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin.
Total ..	Total ..	1289	147	102	85	4	1991	833	5	1550	11	11	1250	\$6,217 77	\$19,467 21	Olive Branch, Lancaster Co. Neb.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Chas. Wilson, Two Rivers, Wis. Rev. K. J. v. d. Shuur, Oostburg, Wis. Rev. H. G. Klyn, Pella, Iowa.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA FOR THE YEAR 1875.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Recd.		Now in Communion.	BAPT.		C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.
					On Con- fession	On Cer- tificate		Infants.	Adults.	No. of Cat- echumens.	No. of S. Scholars.	Religious and Bene- volent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
											Total No. Scholars.			
Classis of Albany	17	16	1520	268	59	3935	92	77	354	23	2976	\$10,810	\$49,866	Rev. J. Lansing Pearce.
Classis of Andover	16	7	601	44	31	738	84	223	253	...	2463	184	165	John Scudder.
Classis of Bergen	14	18	1331	125	41	1910	93	18	615	11	1787	4,788	21,035	William R. Gordon.
South Classis of Bergen	12	3	1023	108	11	1396	108	4	1029	14	2296	8,578	34,551	William R. Duyvee.
Classis of Cayuga	12	11	845	46	23	1218	25	755	12	1540	1835	9,548	18,638	William A. Wurts.
Classis of Cayuga River	11	10	1501	145	107	1989	892	2	1334	7	1835	4,632	17,422	James De Pree.
Classis of Grand River	19	16	1248	112	79	2198	125	6	482	17	1286	3,105	18,873	John Whitbeck.
Classis of Geneva	10	11	831	119	18	1433	31	41	59	4	117	1,566	14,703	Benjamin Van Zandt.
Classis of Groene	16	14	1285	168	101	2119	271	1	1632	12	1674	4,563	17,908	William Noerdyk.
Classis of Holland	10	13	1060	49	22	1669	57	23	...	11	1311	4,574	18,711	John McC. Holmes.
Classis of Hudson	22	22	1426	95	57	2061	177	10	1008	24	2281	3,905	25,274	John S. Jorammon.
Classis of Illinois	13	11	1351	70	28	2036	83	28	823	29	1094	3,019	17,104	Philip Peltz.
Classis of Kingston	19	21	1338	183	96	2902	343	28	460	26	4203	5,724	58,906	William H. Ten Eyck.
North Classis of Long Island	16	20	1766	185	114	3606	173	32	1171	21	4630	30,695	73,150	David S. Sutphen.
South Classis of Long Island	9	8	588	81	17	572	26	5	...	11	996	644	8,281	John W. Beardslee.
Classis of Michigan	9	12	600	78	31	1148	44	35	455	14	775	1,588	18,178	James Bolton.
Classis of Monmouth	22	18	1721	100	35	4660	88	50	320	23	2212	2,946	36,374	A. J. Hageman.
Classis of Montgomery	12	15	1123	141	82	2238	86	30	1250	14	2558	11,305	54,351	Henry Vebslage
Classis of Newark	10	19	1411	69	75	2221	69	12	555	24	2901	49,072	22,321	Richard H. Steele
Classis of New Brunswick	19	29	1653	413	124	4980	221	49	1713	26	5481	50,870	62,551	Talbot W. Chambers.
Classis of New York	6	11	633	72	25	1285	193	16	475	5	1336	3,571	18,047	Stephen H. Meeker.
South Classis of New York	25	23	1969	199	74	3470	193	46	743	27	2466	6,592	30,955	Edward W. Bentley.
Classis of Orange	19	18	1176	167	106	2278	176	23	822	22	2472	7,041	43,580	William H. Clark.
Classis of Paramus	12	16	1186	87	62	1807	129	7	390	18	1539	2,272	21,233	John N. Janson.
Classis of Passaic	15	16	1140	820	120	3045	134	145	75	34	2571	7,820	31,399	Herman C. Berg.
Classis of Philadelphia	11	14	1135	101	37	2184	37	48	398	23	1583	8,471	32,712	A. P. Van Gieson.
Classis of Poughkeepsie.	16	19	1510	184	109	3988	126	48	191	21	2055	4,461	32,881	John F. Mesick.
Classis of Raritan	18	12	1310	96	33	2031	52	84	303	23	1530	3,802	24,558	Elbert Nevius.
Classis of Rensselaer	14	15	972	54	54	1520	89	90	915	16	1306	2,768	20,729	Selah W. Strong.
Classis of Saratoga	12	16	1889	84	37	2133	59	29	919	30	2199	3,385	19,804	J. A. De Baun.
Classis of Schoenectady	12	10	675	36	11	954	9	14	194	13	804	764	10,495	J. H. Kershaw.
Classis of Schoharie	13	16	1244	199	39	2071	101	33	731	13	1490	4,275	16,293	Jacob N. Voorhis.
Classis of Ulster	14	16	976	143	56	1819	109	46	752	15	1805	6,349	38,591	Mancius H. Hutton.
Classis of Westchester	20	17	1307	147	102	1991	333	5	1550	11	1250	6,217	19,467	H. Borgers.
Classis of Wisconsin	490	523	42,277	4423	2116	70,628	4290	924	22,176	594	68,041	\$282,505	\$944,116	
Total	490	523	42,277	4423	2116	70,628	4290	924	22,176	594	68,041	\$282,505	\$944,116	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

Report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Particular Synods to the General Synod.

Your Committee on these Minutes would respectfully report: that they find on page 11 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, a petition from the Classis of Geneva, urging upon the General Synod the appointment of a committee of business men to examine the affairs of the Board of Publication and report to General Synod.

Resolved, That this petition be referred to the Committee on the Board of Publication.

Also, on page 13 a memorial on the organization of the Board of Superintendents, from the Classis of Greene, of the year 1874, and a communication from the Classis of Schenectady of this year, drawing attention to the action which was taken on this memorial the previous year.

Inasmuch as this has been already referred to the Committee on the Professorate, no further action is needed.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, page 213, we find a request that the General Synod release them in the future from the appointment of the Committees on Church Extension and Church Visitation. The reason given for this request is that it is impossible to make any practical use of these Committees, on account of their scattered situation.

Resolved, That this request be not granted.

Also, on pages 216-218, a report on Domestic Missions, in which General Synod is earnestly requested to vigorously prosecute the work of Missions in the West, especially the American part of it, for various indisputable reasons.

Resolved, That this report be referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. KRIEKARD, *Chairman*.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, with the exception of the second and fourth resolutions, which were laid on the table.

The Committee on Overtures respectfully report upon the following subjects which have been referred to them :

I. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.

1. The Classis of Michigan ask that Mr. F. J. Bakker, a student in the Eclectic course of Theology in Hope College, now completing his second year, may be allowed to enter the Senior class as a regular student. Some informality prevented favorable action by the last General Synod in this case. In addition to the testimonials then presented, we have now the certificate of the Theological Faculty that Mr. Bakker "has during another year proven himself adequate to the studies of the full course," and also the recommendation of the Classis of Michigan. We therefore recommend that this application be granted, and that Mr. Bakker be received as a regular student in Theology.

2. The Classis of New York request a dispensation for Mr. Louis Wolferz, a member of the German Evangelical Mission Church, New York, and a student in the graduating class of the Presbyterian German Theological School at Bloomfield, N. J., in order that he may appear before said Classis to be examined for licensure to preach the gospel. Mr. Wolferz has pursued the full Theological course of three years in the Seminary; is highly esteemed by the Faculty for his attainments and piety; and has been invited to the pastorate of one of our own Churches. We therefore recommend that this request be granted.

3. The Classis of New Brunswick recommend Mr. Charles W. Higgins for a dispensation from his full literary course, that he may enter the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

Mr. Higgins was examined for and admitted to the Freshmen class in Rutgers College, in 1869, but ill health and domestic trials prevented his prosecution of a collegiate course. Since then he has studied privately, and the Board of Superintendents permitted him to enter the last Junior class, in the Theological Seminary, and he has just passed the usual examination with his classmates. In view

of the peculiar circumstances of this case, and of the satisfactory testimonials before the Committee, we also recommend the compliance of the General Synod with this request.

II. The Classis of Montgomery have sent a memorial, requesting the General Synod to re-open negotiations with the Presbyterian Church, (North), by the appointment of a Committee of Conference, or to take such other action as may be most advisable to secure more intimate relations, with a view to ultimate organic union.

Inasmuch as this Synod has already voted to continue its Committee of Conference, upon the subject of co-operative union with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (North), your Committee deem it unnecessary to propose any further action upon the present Overture.

III. The Particular Synod of New Brunswick overture the General Synod "To amend the rules on the subject of students' preaching, so as to extend to the students of the Middle class of the Theological Seminary the privileges and regulations now applied to the Seniors." This Overture is based upon a paper which is embraced in the document before us, requesting that the same privileges be allowed to students of the Junior, Middle and Senior Classes. And the principal reason assigned for the alteration of the rules is that "Our students are tempted to ignore this rule, preach in other denominations, and so are likely to regard other denominations with more interest than our own."

The logic of the paper and of the Overture tends to the removal of all the safeguards which have been thrown around this question, by experience and previous legislation. Neither students nor professors of our Theological institutions ask this change, and if it were made, it certainly would not conduce to the reputation of the Seminary, to the scholarship of the students, or to the welfare of the churches. Believing that the existing rules are sufficiently liberal and wisely guarded against crude preaching, and the inevitable detriment to study which would result to students in the Middle class, which is in some respects the most important of the Seminary course, we recommend that this request be not granted.

IV. An Overture has been received from the Classis of Monmouth, "Asking that a general dispensation be granted to the various Classes, giving them authority to license any person to preach the

gospel within the bounds of said Classis granting the license, of whose piety and qualifications the Classis are well satisfied."

As this request involves a radical change in the provisions of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in America, which prescribe the requisite for licensure, and also provide for securing specific individual dispensations in all proper cases, your Committee cannot see the wisdom or the necessity for "a general dispensation," which would put it within the power of every Classis in our communion to set up its own standard of qualifications for the work of the ministry. Such privilege would soon empty our Theological Seminaries of students, and introduce into our pulpits in the course of years, an ever increasing number of half-trained preachers. The risks of the change are too great to be counterbalanced by its supposed advantages. "A general dispensation" for general licensure, is beyond the prerogatives of this Synod, and your Committee cannot advise its adoption.

V. We have given special attention to the Overture of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, sent with the paper of the Rev. F. H. Vanderveer, and requesting that the prescribed constitutional course be taken to have stricken from the Form of Baptism, the words "dipping in," that the form may read—"This the sprinkling of water teaches, whereby," etc. The paper referred to contains an argument for the proposed alteration, which was expanded and enforced in the address of the author, before this Synod, at the request of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

Without attempting an elaborate reply, your Committee with all due respect to the Particular Synod, and to the venerable advocate of the amendment, cannot accede to it, because they deem it unnecessary upon exegetical grounds; unsustained by church history; contrary to the traditional liberality of our Reformed Church, and tending to an exclusivism, which is a breach of Christian charity. It has never been the doctrine of our own Church, and it is contrary to the consensus of the Theology of the sisterhood of the Reformed Churches of Europe and America, that sprinkling is the only mode of Baptism. And instead of giving "a false advantage in the argument" to those who advocate baptism by immersion alone, the phrase as it now stands has always given us the larger advantage of the argument against sectarian exclusiveness, by the declaration,

in our solemn constitutional office for the administration of this ordinance, that baptism by either mode is valid. Not in these last days, can our mother Church afford to take a position concerning this sacrament, which would logically drive her to unchurch all who have not been baptized by sprinkling. Believing that according to our standards the essential meaning of Christian baptism is that of spiritual purification, and that neither the quantity of water, nor the mode of its application is essential to the validity of the rite, your Committee cannot recommend that change proposed in this Overture.

VI. The Classis of New York request the General Synod to rescind the following resolution contained in the Minutes of 1874, page 110, viz: *Resolved*, That this Synod approve of so much of the Liturgy as is not inconsistent with, or forbidden by the Constitution, and give permission to use the same, this resolution not sanctioning any change in the Baptismal form, or the form for the administration of the Lord's Supper.

The objections are that this resolution is vague and ambiguous in its terms; that it gives a permission which the Synod has no power to give or withhold; and that the last clause implies the right of the Synod to authorize the change of any forms except those used in the administration of the Sacraments.

As this subject involves fundamental principles in the interpretation of the organic law of the Church, we submit the following historical view and resolutions.

In 1788 a Committee was appointed by the General Synod, to prepare an English translation of "not only the Confession of Faith, but, also the order of our Church and its Form of Government." (Minutes Vol. I, p. 185.) In 1790 the report of this Committee was made and submitted to another Committee for revision and completion. (I. p. 210.) In May, 1791, the Minute on this matter (adopted at a meeting to which all the Ministers and delegated Elders were invited) states that "The subjects to be included in the Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Churches of America," "should be entirely restricted to what constitutes the Doctrine, Liturgy and Government of said churches." (pp. 217, 218.) In October of the same year the Constitution thus submitted was revised, article by article; and again in October, 1792, all the Ministers

and Elders being present, it was unanimously approved and ordered to be printed. In October, 1793, the printed copy, "containing the Liturgy and Government of the Church" was laid on the table, and the Synod designated it as the "Constitution." (p. 246.) Accordingly that book with all its contents, containing the Catechism, Confession, Liturgy, Canons of Dort, and Rules of Church Government, has for its title page simply "The Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church in the United States of America." The last synodical deliverance on this subject was in June, 1835, in the report of a Committee of which the late Rev. Dr. Thomas De Witt was Chairman, and following upon the publication of the revised Constitution which had just been published. We quote the paragraph in full. "The term 'the Constitution' as prefixed to our revised system of Church government, although it properly includes the rules of Church government, is more comprehensive in its import. In the words of the preface to our former book 'To the Constitution of a church appertain its *doctrines, mode of worship* and government.' The Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church thus includes: I. The Revised Rules of Church Government. II. Her Doctrinal standards, consisting of the Confession of Faith, the Heidelberg Catechism and Compendium, and the Canons of the Synod of Dort. III. The Liturgy." (IV. pp. 425, 426.)

FROM THIS REVIEW IT IS EVIDENT.

1. That the Liturgy is a part of the Constitution.
2. That it can be changed only in the same way as the other parts of that instrument may be altered, by submitting it to the decision of the Classes according to the prescribed constitutional methods.
3. That as no mere resolution of the General Synod can alter or amend it, so it can neither forbid nor permit the use of any part of the proposed new Liturgy.

The Constitution itself makes it imperative to use the Forms for the observance of the Sacraments, for Ordination, and for Discipline. (Constitution Art. X. 1, 2; II. 11; XIII. 11, 13.)

The Preface to the original book of the Constitution shows very clearly what is not imperative in the Liturgy. It declares that the Church "judges it sufficient to show in a few specimens the general tenor and manner in which public worship is performed, and

leaves it to the piety and gifts of her ministers to conduct the ordinary solemnities of the Sanctuary in a manner they judge most acceptable to God and most edifying to His people." But nevertheless these "specimens" are a part of the Constitution and can be altered only in the same way and by similar authority, as the organic law of the Church. In accordance with these historical facts, principles and reasonings, and in order to secure the required constitutional action upon the subject, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That the Resolution of 1874, p. 110, on the subject of the Liturgy, as quoted above, be and hereby is rescinded.

2. * *Resolved*, That this Synod highly approve on the whole, of the manner in which the Committee on the new Liturgy have performed their work, and they commend the same to the careful examination of the Churches until such time as final action may be taken according to the Constitution.

3. *Resolved*, That the Synod recommend to the several Classes to adopt an amendment to the Constitution, substituting in the place of the Marriage form in the old book, that which has been reported in the proposed new Liturgy.

4. * *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the Forms in the proposed Liturgy, numbered IV, VIII, IX, X, XII, and parts of XIII, embrace subjects which are not provided for in our existing Liturgy viz: the office for the Public Reception into full communion of persons who have been baptized, for Installation of Ministers, for Laying of Corner Stone, for Dedication of a Church, for Burial of the dead—that this Synod hereby approves of the same, and recommends the Classes to give consent that they be printed in connection with our standards, not as authoritative and imperative formulas, but as specimens embodying the sense of the Church in reference to the most edifying mode of rendering these services.

Your Committee believe that the adoption of these resolutions will correct a transparent error in previous legislation, comply strictly with the Constitution, and promote that system of worship which is so accordant with the genius, history, traditions, customs, usages and law of our Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk take the proper measures to present to the Classes, the amendment to the Constitution proposed in the above third resolution.

REDUCING THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARDS.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Overture from the Classis of Ulster in relation to reducing the expenses of the Boards, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the overture from the Classis of Ulster proposing a consolidation of the Boards of the Church, respectfully report as follows :

The subject of decreasing the expenses of our benevolent operations has often engaged the attention of the Synod, and only three years ago a proposal to have the four secretaries reduced to two was carefully considered by this body, and then declined (1872, pp. 529, 530). Still the matter is agitated, which seems to indicate that it requires a more minute and detailed investigation than any committee can possibly give while attending upon the sessions of the Synod. We therefore recommend that a committee, consisting of four ministers and five elders, be appointed to consider the question at leisure, and report to the next General Synod ; this committee to be authorized to inspect all the records of our different Boards and their respective committees, and also to get such information as bears upon the general subject from the usages and practice of sister denominations. Meanwhile our churches are exhorted to give a generous support to all our benevolent organizations, in the assurance that whatever economies are found practicable will be insisted upon by the Synod with the least possible delay.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. CHAMBERS, *Chairman*.

The following is the Committee provided for in the foregoing report : Revs. G. H. Mandeville, P. M. Doolittle, Wm. R. Duryee, Isaac S. Hartley, and Elders D. P. Ingraham, A. J. Beekman, S. R. W. Heath, Maurice E. Viele, P. R. Westfall. The Committee to elect its own chairman.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

An Overture was received from the Classis of New York, requesting the Synod to rescind the resolution of the Synod of 1874, on the subject of the Liturgy. The request was granted. For the action of the Synod at length, see report of Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Forty-third Annual Report of the Board of Education was received and referred to the Committee on Education, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was received and referred to the same committee.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Education would respectfully report: That the following papers have been submitted to their consideration:

The Forty-third Annual Report of the Board of Education; the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education; the Report of the Special Committee appointed to meet the Council of Hope College; and a resolution from the Classis of Raritan in reference to the expense incurred in carrying on the work of the Board of Education.

From the Forty-third Annual Report of the Board of Education, it appears that during the year ending April 30, 1875, the whole number of students under the care of the Board was seventy-six—

six less than during the preceding year. Of this number, thirty-two are pursuing their studies at the Theological Seminary in New Brunswick; twenty-four at Rutgers College; thirteen in the Theological and Academical departments of Hope College; the remainder are at the New York University, Union College, Howard University, and at different preparatory schools.

Of these students, seven finished their Theological studies in May, 1874, and all are engaged in the ministry; and six more have this year completed their preparatory course, and been licensed to preach the gospel.

The number thus entering the Christian ministry, according to the report for 1875, it will be seen is less by three than that reported for 1874.

It is, however, gratifying to add that fifteen applications have been approved by the Board since the report presented to the last General Synod, so that sixty-five young men remain under the care of the Board at the close of this year, against fifty-seven at the close of the preceding year, while several applicants have been recommended by the Classes, whose cases are under consideration. In accordance with the rules prescribed by General Synod, at as early a date as means are furnished by the churches, aid will be extended to these young men.

We are especially glad to learn from the report that the testimonials accompanying these applications have uniformly been satisfactory and encouraging in respect to industry, ability and piety.

Ten parochial schools are reported for 1875, against eleven for 1874.

The receipts during this year from church collections and individual donations, amount to \$12,615.93, against \$13,164.83 for the preceding year.

The report, however, adds that during the year, \$5,833 have been paid to the Board from the estate of the late John V. L. Van Doren, of the Church of Middlebush, N. J., and invested as a permanent fund, styled "The John V. L. Van Doren Fund," the income of which is to be appropriated to the support of the young men under the care of the Board.

Another bequest of \$5,000 has been made by Miss Elizabeth R. Duryee, of Brooklyn, which will come into the possession of the Board at an early day, as the estate is now in process of settlement.

According to the report of the Treasurer, it appears that the indebtedness of the Board has been somewhat reduced since the last report, leaving the debt, as at present reported, \$6,500.

In view of these facts, notwithstanding the severity of the times, the Board of Education may justly thank God and take courage. Although the number furnished for the ministry has been somewhat diminished, and the receipts from the churches have fallen below the amount expected and imperatively needed, yet providential aid has come in unexpected ways, while applicants have been multiplied until, in the good providence of God, the report for this year, in respect both of men and means, surpasses that of the preceding year.

This fact is significant. It clearly indicates the Divine design in regard to the supply of the ministry, and the policy which the Board should adopt, and the response which should come up from the churches. The field is white and ready for the harvest. The Lord of the harvest is supplying laborers; these the Board of Education must accept, and the Church must sustain. The voice of Providence is: "Speak unto the Children of Israel, that they go forward." This work of the Board of Education is initial and essential; the Church and the world are looking eagerly for the enlarged supply of the Christian ministry.

Your Committee would, therefore, present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we gratefully recognize the Divine blessing upon the work of this Board during the past year.

Resolved, That we urge the largest liberality on the part of the Church in its contributions to the Board of Education; and, on the part of the Board, the strictest economy in the prosecution of its benevolent work.

Resolved, That the Board of Education should take early and efficient measures to remove its indebtedness.

Resolved, That while we make grateful mention of the repeated and noble benefactions to our College and Seminary at New Brunswick, and while we earnestly hope that educational funds and facilities may be multiplied in this direction, we would call especial attention to the pressing needs of the great West, and commend Hope College to the fostering care and increasing liberality of the Church.

Resolved, That while we hail the approaching centennial of our country's independence, and cherish devout gratitude to God for the preservation and prosperity of our National Union, we should remember that, by the Divine appointment, virtue and intelligence are the safeguards of liberty; and we should make this centennial year memorable by some appropriate offering in behalf of Christian Education.

Resolved, That the last Thursday of January be recommended as a day of special prayer for the Divine blessing upon our schools and seminaries of learning.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. BETHUNE WELCH, *Chairman*.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Education:—Revs. B. C. Taylor, C. H. Stitt, David Cole, J. Elmendorf; Messrs. S. B. Schieffelin, R. N. Perlee, John Dorrance, William Robb.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHURCH COLLEGES.

The Annual Report of the Council of Hope College was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate; it is as follows:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Council of Hope College would present their Annual Report as follows:

At the regular meeting of the Council in June, 1874, the following officers were elected:

Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, *President*; Rev. John H. Karsten, *Ad-sessor*; Rev. Abel T. Stewart, *Secretary*.

The examinations of the several classes, including the Theological, were held.

A special meeting was held Jan. 27, 1875, at which letters were read from the Board of Education, and an answer given.

A second special meeting was held on Feb. 24, 1875, at which there were present:

Revs. A. C. Van Raalte, Philip Phelps, Jr., Charles Scott, J. W. Beardslee, Abel T. Stewart, A. H. Van Vranken, Henry Uiterwyk, Peter De Pree, J. W. Karsten, John Muller, C. Van Der Meulen, and Elders L. O. Hammond and L. S. Viele. Ex-officio, Rev. John L. See, Secretary of the Board of Education, Rev. David Cole, representing the General Synod, and Rev. G. H. Mandeville and Elder F. J. Hosford, Committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education. The object was to meet the above Committee appointed in response to a communication of the President of the College, for the purpose of a free conference.

The regular Spring session was held on April 28th, 1875.

Present: Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, President of the Council; Rev. Charles Scott, of the Theological Faculty; Revs. J. W. Beardslee and Abel T. Stewart, of the Classis of Michigan; Revs. Peter De Pree and Henry Uiterwyk, of the Classis of Holland; Rev. J. H. Karsten, N. M. Steffens, of the Classis of Wisconsin; Revs. C. Van Der Meulen, A. Kriekaard and J. De Pree, of the Classis of Grand River.

The President of the College, Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., was absent, on account of sickness, and did not make his annual report.

From the reports of the several Faculties, the Council would present the following report:

I. DEPARTMENTS.

I. THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The following students have been in attendance during the year:

Senior Class.—Andrew Wormser, William Hazenberg, and Howard H. Van Vranken.

Middle Class.—Josias Meulendijk, Helenus E. Nies, and Frederick J. Bakker.

Junior Class.—Harm Van Der Ploeg and Cornelius Wabeke.

Mr. Howard H. Van Vranken, who was admitted to the senior class at the examination in June, 1874, has continued his studies at New Brunswick.

The Faculty speak of the diligence and proficiency of the students, and also of the general deportment, as being satisfactory and consistent with their Christian profession.

Besides his regular branches of instruction, Prof. Crispell, by appointment of Council, has instructed the senior and junior classes in Pastoral Theology, and at the request of the Faculty the junior class in Biblical Archæology.

Prof. Beck, at the request of the Faculty, has instructed the junior class in Manual of Biblical Interpretation.

Rev. R. Pieters, who was reappointed by the Council Teacher in Exegetical Theology, has given instruction since the beginning of the Winter Term.

Rev. Dr. Phelps gave instruction in Sacred Rhetoric till the beginning of Nov., 1874. Upon his departure to the East, and at the joint request of Dr. Phelps and the Faculty, Rev. Abel T. Stewart, D.D., consented to give instruction in this department, and has done so during the remainder of the theological year.

The members of the senior class were examined in all the studies of the past year. The examination was sustained, and they were recommended to the Theological Faculty for their certificate.

II. ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT.

There have been twenty students in attendance, divided as follows: Seniors, 6; Juniors, 6; Sophomores, 4; Freshmen, 4. No student has withdrawn from the department during the year, and the general conduct and diligence is noticed with pleasure.

By the arrangement of the President of the College, Prof. Beck has instructed the Sophomore class; Assistant Prof. Shields the Freshman in Latin and Greek; and since the departure of the President in Nov. last, Rev. Henry Uiterwyk has instructed the Junior and Senior classes combined in Mental Philosophy.

At the last annual commencement, four members of the Senior class received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, of whom three entered upon theological studies.

III. PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

The Faculty of this department report 70 students, of whom there are 11 in the A class, 21 in the B class, 16 in the C class, 19 in the D class, and 3 unclassified. With but two or three exceptions, the punctuality, diligence and deportment of the pupils

have been unusually good ; there is a great deficiency in this department, arising from the need of more adequate instruction in Latin and Greek ; in the other branches the progress is satisfactory.

II. FINANCIAL.

Of the progress of the Endowment work for the year we have nothing to report ; we only know that the President has divided his time between it and his duties at the College, thus making it exceedingly laborious for him, and preventing him from attaining full success in either. The duties pertaining to the two offices, and the utter impossibility of the President attending to both, seem to make it proper for the Synod to separate them, and we therefore request either that the Synod, if it claims the right, proceed to appoint a financial agent, or that it distinctly authorize the Council to do so.

From the Treasurer we have a statement covering two points which we present :

Received from the Board of Education	\$3,786 57
Endowment Fund and Endowment Interest	1,869 70
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Paid to Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., D.D.	\$1,135 97
Rev. Cornelius C. Crispell, D.D.	883 53
Prof. Chas. Scott	883 55
Prof. T. Romeyn Beck	883 54
Assis't Prof. Wm. A. Shields	638 35
Assis't Prof. G. J. Kollen	593 35
Assis't Prof. Cornelius Doesburg	638
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	\$5,656 29

We regret exceedingly to come before Synod with such a meagre statement, but the Treasurer reports his inability to proceed without the aid of the President. We desire plainly to say to Synod, that our financial condition is such as to cause us the most painful anxiety, and yet it is stated with a certain degree of pride. On the one side we find ourselves entirely unable to carry on our work

with our present resources ; our just dues remain unpaid ; our Professors are left without the means of meeting their expenses, and compelled to pay interest on the very money owing them, and our whole reputation suffers because of our being so much behind in meeting all these claims. On the other side we can present the matter to Synod with great confidence, for this pressing necessity comes from the fact that our work has grown so much faster than our resources ; and all that work has been done at Synod's direction. When the academy was enlarged into a college, it was by the direction of Synod ; when the work required more teachers, by direction of Synod they were secured ; when the call came for theological instruction, Synod established it ; and to-day we struggle under these heavy burdens only because when the work grew upon us, and, under the good providence of God, forced itself upon us, we took it up, knowing that there would be relief from the same bountiful source. But now we must ask Synod for some effectual relief ; not only do we need help to lift the present burden, but we ask for such action as shall save us from such straits in the future ; we regard the speedy endowment as indispensable ; until there is such a fund yielding a steady income, our difficulties will continue.

III. DE HOPE.

The Paper has been published regularly every week, and to the satisfaction of nearly all its readers, by the present Editorial Committee, consisting of Rev. R. Pieters and Henry Uiterwyk, in connection with the managing editor, Assis't Prof. Doesburg. The financial condition of the Paper is much more encouraging, and hopes are entertained that above all expenses it will pay \$500 of the \$560 interest on its capital for the year beginning with April 1st, 1875.

The Council would call the attention of Synod to the unsatisfactory position of their theological teachers, owing to the ambiguous action of previous Synods.

1. In June, 1866 (see page 97 of Minutes), it was " Resolved, That the subject of permitting the Senior class of Hope College to pursue their theological studies at the institution be referred to the Board of Education and the Council of Hope College, with instruc-

tion that leave be granted to pursue their theological studies at Hope College, provided that no measures shall be instituted by which additional expense shall be thrown upon Synod or Board of Education *at this time*; and provided further, that Synod reserves the right to withdraw the permission at any time it may deem expedient." Here two points are evident: 1st, that Synod does not make any assignment of teaching to any one, but gives a general permission to teach theology; and 2d, that Synod did not then desire to incur any expense for teaching. The words, "at this time," imply that at some future time they might see fit to assume such pecuniary responsibility. In accordance with this action, a Committee of the Board of Education and the Council held a conference, at which it was agreed, with consent of the Faculty—see report of the Board of Education, page 6—that the class should be instructed in Exegesis and Sacred Rhetoric by the Rev. Dr. Phelps; in Archæology and Confession of Faith by Prof. Crispell; in Ancient Church History and Sacred History by Prof. Scott. Here it will be observed that the Board of Education and the Council, with the consent of the Faculty, fixed the branches which each professor should teach.

In June, 1867 (see Minutes, page 271), Synod "Resolved, That the professors in Hope College be and are hereby invited to act as Lectors in the several branches of training which they have had in charge during the year past with the theological class." Synod does not now assign any branches by name to the professors, and it is a fact that they did not all of them have the same branches as before.

In 1869 (see Minutes, 648), it was "Resolved, That the Faculty of Hope College, exclusive of such members as are not acting as Theological Professors and Lectors by appointment of Synod, be and the same are hereby recognized as the Faculty of the Theological School of Synod in Hope College."

In 1870 (Minutes, page 116), it was "Resolved, That the Synod gratefully recognizes the valuable services of Rev. T. Romeyn Beck and Charles Scott, under the invitation to act as Lectors in the Theological Department of Hope College, and does hereby appoint them to the same services for the next three years, and authorizing them to sign the Professorial certificates granted to

students graduated from the Seminary." Here again we find them called Lectors in the Theological Department of Hope College, and appointed to the same services for the next three years, and authorized to sign the Professorial certificates granted to students graduated from the Theological Seminary, but there is no specific department assigned to them.

In 1873 (see Minutes, page 734), we find, in Resolution 5th they are called Assistant Professors in the Theological Department and in Resolution 6th, Theological Teachers, and are reappointed in the same branches "respectively committed to them by the General Synod." They are here called Assistant Professors in the Theological Department, and Theological Teachers; and reference is made to branches assigned to them, when the fact seems to be that the General Synod has never formally assigned such branches. In view of this statement, and to obviate the uncertainty and unpleasant feeling which might arise from it, we ask the Synod to consider :

1st. Whether the time has not now fully come when it ought to assume the expense of theological instruction, as it has done for the Seminary at New Brunswick?

2d. Whether it ought not to assign to the different teachers their different branches of instruction, and thus give them the authority which such an appointment from the General Synod has always carried before the Church?

3d. Whether it is not a duty which the General Synod owes to the Western Theological Seminary, to strengthen it by electing permanent professors to do its teaching of Theology. We know how sacredly she has always guarded this point by insisting upon a specific commission to teach Theology; we know also how deeply she feels for the welfare of our Western Seminary, and when we say that we have now been going forward amid great difficulties, and amid almost insurmountable obstacles trying to carry out the will of the Synod for nine years, we are emboldened to ask that now we may have this help and sanction to our work.

Attested.

ABEL T. STEWART, *Secretary*.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted, with the exception of the part relating to the reorganization of the Board of Superintendents, which was referred to the next General Synod, but ordered printed with the report:

The Committee on the Professorate beg leave to report:

I.—Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

By this Report it appears that thirty-seven students have been in attendance at the Seminary during the year; nine in the Senior Class, sixteen in the Middle, and twelve in the Junior. Two other persons have pursued their studies with the Junior Class, making the number in actual attendance at the Seminary thirty-nine.

The Board speaks with pleasure of the testimonials received of the excellent conduct of the students, and of the happy influence in the Theological Hall of the Rector, Rev. Dr. John Garretson. No better evidence of the spirit pervading our Seminary could be given than the fact, stated in the Report, that more than half the members of the Senior Class have offered themselves for the Foreign Mission field. But we are deeply grieved to record, that, for lack of funds, our Foreign Board is unable to respond to this consecration of lives to the work of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The new method of examination by written questions and answers was successfully and very satisfactorily carried out. All the members of the Senior Class were recommended by the Board to the Professors for their Professorial certificates.

It is to be noticed with great satisfaction, that the Theological Library has been removed into the new fire-proof building, located upon the Seminary grounds, and the gift of Col. Gardner A. Sage. Your Committee feel that such a gift, from a single individual, requires a recorded and suitable acknowledgment, and therefore report for the adoption of Synod the following action:

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, in its regular annual session, for itself, and for the whole body of Christian people whom it represents, presents to Col. Gard-

ner A. Sage its profound acknowledgments for his munificent gift of a fire-proof Library Building to our 'Seminary at New Brunswick; costly, beautiful and enduring; enshrined already in the heart of the Church; but especially valuable in the perennial power it is to exert in forming our future ministry, as the armory whence keenest weapons are to be drawn for the men of God, thoroughly furnished unto every good work.

Resolved, That we earnestly and unitedly commend Col. Sage to the blessings of our covenant Father in heaven; and pray that he may be long spared in usefulness and happiness. to see, in his own lifetime, many good fruits of his noble charity, which so many generations of ministers and Christian people are gratefully to gather, long after he has entered into rest.

The attention of the Board having been called by the report of the Faculty to moneys collected for the purchase of books for the Theological Library, passed the following resolution:

“Resolved, That General Synod be respectfully solicited to appoint a suitable committee, to be associated with the Theological Professors, for the selection of books for the Library.”

Your Committee consider the selection of books for the Library as a matter of very great importance, and recommend the following action:

Resolved, That Rev. T. W. Chambers, Rev. C. D. Hartranft and Rev. E. T. Corwin, with the Theological Professors, be a committee to have exclusive charge of selecting the books for the Theological Library; the Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall to arrange rates with publishers and importers, and to audit and pay the bills for books after their delivery.

Resolved, That the action of the Standing Committee, in 1871, “constituting the Theological Professors an Examining Committee for the purpose of inspecting and deciding upon all books ordered for the Library by the Purchasing Committee,” be so far modified, that the Rev. Messrs. Chambers, Hartranft and Corwin shall be hereafter associated with them in this duty; and that it extend to books already purchased, when, in their judgment, they can be exchanged with advantage to the character of the Library.

The Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, presented to the Board of Superintendents of the

Theological Seminary, and by them adopted as part of their own report, has been placed in the hands of your Committee. The statements contained in this report are extremely gratifying. They exhibit a zeal, liberality and wise devotion to the interests of our oldest Theological School rarely to be equaled, and which has no parallel in the history of our Church. Within a period of six years the members of that Committee itself have consecrated to the Lord, in the interests of this school of the prophets, the large sum of nearly three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000). Splendid results have been already achieved, and still the Committee declare that "the work is not yet complete." The James Suydam Hall, their first notable achievement, is now a year in use, a monument worthy to perpetuate the name of a good man. The Gardner A. Sage Library, already referred to in this report, has occupied the Committee during the past year. The books now in possession of the Seminary have been placed upon the shelves, and the General Synod has, in a body, attended the formal dedication of the building to its destined use. The Standing Committee and Col. Sage, in the paper reported by the Committee, ask for certain legislation on the part of General Synod. Your Committee recommend to Synod the following action :

1. *Resolved*, That the office of Librarian be, and hereby is permanently established; and the incumbent of this office shall, during the time of such incumbency, be held responsible for the entire care and protection of the Library. His appointment shall be under the approval of the Board of Superintendents, nor shall it continue without such approval.

2. *Resolved*, That the use of the Library be extended to the whole Reformed Church and to the citizens of New Brunswick; under such restrictions, however, to be adopted by the Board of Superintendents, as not to interfere with its proper use by the Faculty and Students of the Theological Seminary.

3. *Resolved*, That in arranging, labeling and forming a catalogue of the books, the utmost care and delicacy be observed in regard to the rights and feelings of former donors, as well as of those who, it is hoped, will hereafter add largely, in learned works and appliances for thorough study, to this splendid depository.

YOUR Committee can but express the hope that this legislation will meet the views of that noble Christian giver who has already so merited the gratitude of the Church, and that God will graciously enable him to complete the whole generous scheme of endowment which his heart has conceived in regard to the Library.

The improvements in the arrangements and appointments of Hertzog Hall effected by the Standing Committee are scarcely less cheering than their successes in other directions. Your Committee feel sure that Synod recognizes with lively joy the increased personal comforts and attractions which have been secured in so eminent a degree in this student-home of so many of our present and future ministry. But the work of improvement is not yet perfect. The Treasurer of the Standing Committee has been "straitened for funds," and many bills have remained long unpaid. Beside this, there is an annual deficiency of about fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) in the necessary expenses of the Hall; and here, again, we are glad to say, the Synod and the Church have reason to turn hopefully to the Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall and their generous Treasurer. Your Committee, with the closing sentence of the paper prepared by Col. Sage in their eye, feel it necessary now only to present the following:

Resolved, That the want of sufficient revenue to meet the current expenses of Hertzog Hall, and free the students from paying anything to the institution, be referred to the Standing Committee, in the hope that some feasible plan for securing it may be devised.

There has been referred to your Committee a communication from three of the Theological Professors at New Brunswick, calling the attention of Synod to embarrassing delays in the payment of their salaries. We recommend the following:

Resolved, That the attention of the Board of Direction be called to this matter, and that they be requested to use all the power and privilege they possess to meet the payment of Professors' salaries when they become due.

By action of the several Particular Synods, as found in their books of Minutes, the following persons have been nominated to fill vacancies occurring in the Board of Superintendents:

Particular Synod of Albany.—Rev. I. S. Hartley, from the Classis of Cayuga. Elder William H. Rainey, from the Classis of Rensselaer.

Particular Synod of New York.—Rev. Charles I. Shepard, from the North Classis of Long Island. Elder John C. Newkirk, from the Classis of Hudson. Elder Samuel B. Schieffelin, from the Classis of New York, to fill the unexpired term of Elder Jonathan Sturges, deceased.

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.—Rev. Charles H. Pool, from the Classis of Raritan. Elder Charles Crane, from the Classis of Passaic.

II.—Hope College.

There have been placed in the hands of your Committee the following papers :

1. The Annual Report of the Council of Hope College.
2. The Overture from the Classis of Michigan, asking General Synod to "place their Western Theological Seminary on a more permanent basis."
3. The resignation of Prof. T. R. Beck of his position in the Theological Department of Hope College.
4. A communication from Prof. Crispell, upon the stipulations as to his support at his appointment, the subsequent action upon this matter, and the present embarrassed position of himself and his associates.

1. The Council, acting as a Board of Superintendents, report eight students engaged during the year in theological studies; three in the Senior Class, three in the Middle, and two in the Junior. One student from the Senior Class has, however, completed his studies at New Brunswick. The Christian department of all the students has been satisfactory. The examination was sustained, and the members of the Senior Class were recommended to the Theological Faculty for their certificates.

2. There have been twenty students in the Academic Department, all of whom are commended for good conduct and diligence in study. At the commencement, four members of the Senior Class received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, of whom three entered upon theological studies.

3. The Preparatory Department reports seventy students in attendance in the various classes. The Council call attention to the great deficiency in this Department arising from inadequate

instruction in Latin and Greek. The Council should itself give attention to this serious deficiency, and provide for its remedy.

The Council of Hope College calls the attention of General Synod to two causes of serious embarrassment in the prosecution of their work. The first is in reference to finances; the second is the "unsatisfactory position of their Theological teachers, owing to the ambiguous action of previous Synods." Your Committee would present these subjects in this order:

1. Finances. The Council says: "We desire plainly to say to Synod that our financial condition is such as to cause us the most painful anxiety." It seems to your Committee that the pain and anxiety felt by those who have been giving theological instruction at Holland by appointment of General Synod, in consequence of these financial embarrassments, ought now to be relieved. During the past year Dr. Phelps has received \$1,135 97, leaving unpaid \$664 03. Profs. Crispell, Scott and Beck have each received \$883 54; unpaid to each \$516 46—a deficiency of \$2,213 41. Add salary of the same men reported unpaid June, 1874, \$2,600, and you have the large amount of \$4,813 41 now unpaid, and some of it now more than a year overdue to our instructors in theology in Hope College.

The meagre report furnished this year by the Treasurer of the Council does not enable us to understand fully the present financial condition of the College. But as the report of 1874 was very full, and as the Council inform us that "Of the progress of the endowment work for the year we have nothing to report," we may pretty safely accept the last year's report as a correct exhibit of the present financial condition; only the condition now is somewhat worse than at that time. Your Committee, with these data before them, do not deem it difficult to point out in detail the causes, in the management of the endowment funds, which have led to the present serious complications; but we are not specially charged with so unpleasant a task. Personally, we should shrink from it: feeling how much more easy it is to criticise others than to do better, or, perhaps, as well ourselves; and having also too deep an interest in the noble purposes of this institution, and too warm a sympathy with the dear brethren who have rendered, now for many years, their self-denying services, amid its early struggles for life, to do anything to shade

its prospects or sadden their hearts. We believe, however, that inasmuch as expenses were constantly accruing, in the pay of the teachers and all the indispensable current outlay of the institution, the endowment funds should have been safely placed where interest could have been drawn from the first, rather than placed in any use not immediately productive, though possessing a future ever so promising. Your Committee believe that, in future, all funds secured for endowment should be rigidly subjected to this rule. And we suggest to the Council, without the least reflection on the wisdom or prudence of former action, the propriety of now rendering actually available, in current revenues, all the property which, in their judgment can be safely and judiciously brought into this condition.

But it is manifestly unjust to leave the impression, for a single moment, that if the funds of Hope College had been all interest-bearing there would have been no embarrassment. Such is far from being the fact. There have been secured for this College about \$50,000. This, at ten per cent. interest—the legal interest of Michigan—would have given \$5,000. Add receipts from fees, which, in 1874, are reported at \$664, and you have a total of \$5,664. But the current expenses of Hope College cannot be placed at a less figure than \$12,000 per year. A small sum, indeed, for so broad and far-reaching a work; a less sum than is expended by hundreds of private families yearly, but still a sum more than double the revenues of the endowment, in the very best supposable position, without any allowance for expenses or losses. Therefore, there has never been money enough to maintain the institution.

This Institution has not, however, been left to take care of itself, in these its earlier and feebler years. It has received constant encouragement and aid from the East, as the youngest is often the pet of the family. Not to speak of individual gifts toward current expenses, the Synod's Board of Education has, within a period of ten years, contributed an annual average sum of about \$5,144; the highest sum paid in any one year of this period being \$8,037 01, in 1870, and making a total in ten years of \$51,441 41. Surely, our western friends must not feel neglected. And still, when you look for means of meeting current expenses, you have, on our liberal

allowance of \$5,000 interest on endowment, and about \$5,000 annually from the Board of Education, a deficit every twelve months of \$2,000. In the actual revenues of the Institution, the annual deficit is very considerably in advance of this sum. Who can wonder that there are unpaid accounts at Hope College and financial embarrassment? The marvel is, that the whole enterprise has not been wrecked long ago.

But we cannot give up the ship. We must raise the signals of distress. We must man the life-boat, and brave the dangers of this crisis, to save from ruin the precious interests for present and future generations now so seriously imperiled.

Upon the whole subject, your Committee recommends the following action :

Whereas, the Council of Hope College says, in its report "Of the progress of the endowment work, we have nothing to report. We only know that the President has divided his time between it and his duties at the College, thus making it exceedingly laborious for him, and preventing him from attaining full success in either. The duties pertaining to the two offices, and the utter impossibility of the President attending to both, seems to make it proper for Synod to separate them; and we therefore request the Synod to appoint a financial agent, or authorize the Council to do so." Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the President be released from the onerous burden of a collecting agent for the Endowment under appointment of the Board of Direction, which is hereby revoked, and be permitted to devote his time and energies to the more congenial work of the presidency of the Institution.

2. *Resolved*, That the Council of the College be admonished to decrease expenses, as far as that is practicable.

3. *Resolved*, That it be suggested to the Council to appoint a Treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of the amended Constitution; Numbers 3, 4, 5; Letter (B). See p. 320, Minutes 1871.

4. *Resolved*, That a financial agent be appointed by the Council, if by them thought necessary or advisable, to be under their commission and direction; the funds so collected by him to be held and administered for the benefit of Hope College, under the existing regulations, and the agent so appointed to have the fullest endorsement and recommendation of General Synod in his work.

5. *Resolved*, That moneys collected for the Endowment Fund or for the current expenses of the Institution be so designated, and be held and used for these distinct purposes according to the wish of the donors.

6. *Resolved*, That the Council be requested to pay over the first accruing interest from the Endowment Fund to meet the unpaid salaries of the President and Professors.

7. *Resolved*, That hereafter the President of the College and the Professors, other than those appointed by General Synod as teachers in the Theological Department, hold the Council of the College responsible for the payment of their salaries.

8. *Resolved*, That Hope College, in all its interests, be, and hereby is again most heartily commended by General Synod to the largest liberality, to the fullest confidence and sympathy, and to the most earnest prayers of our whole Church, as an important agency in our work for Christ throughout the West.

2. An Overture from the Classis of Michigan, expressing first their sense of "the great importance of continuing theological instruction at the West;" secondly, asking General Synod to "place their Western Theological Seminary on a more permanent basis, by establishing professorships, and inaugurating measures for the endowment of the same;" and, thirdly, recommending "appropriations for the temporary support of the teachers, in part, until the endowment can be raised."

This Overture will be responded to in the measures to be hereinafter reported by your Committee.

3. The resignation of Prof. T. Romeyn Beck. This communication will also be answered, further on, in action recommended to Synod.

4. The Letter of Prof. Crispell, endorsed by Prof. Scott. This communication presents to Synod the very painful financial embarrassments of our Professor of Didactic Theology and his associates in the Theological Faculty at Hope College. About \$1,000 of salary, due each of these men, remains unpaid. Prof. Crispell shows that in 1866 he accepted his theological chair, without compensation, under a virtual contract of salary as Professor in the Academic Department, to come from the Board of Education. But now, "while the deficit in his academic salary is steadily

increasing, and the Council of Hope College *carefully declines* to recognize its obligation to pay it," he receives the action of the Board of Education, to the effect, "that it has nothing to do with the Professors of Hope College, as such, or their salaries."

There is a serious difficulty in this matter somewhere, but wherever it may be, our teachers of theology should no longer be allowed to suffer from it. Your Committee recommend this action:

1. *Resolved*, That, in accordance with the amended Constitution of Hope College, requiring that the salaries of theological teachers appointed by the General Synod shall be fixed by General Synod, (Minutes 1871, p. 311,) the salaries of said teachers be fifteen hundred dollars, (\$1,500,) from May 1, 1875, until the income of endowments for particular chairs shall exceed that sum.

2. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of General Synod be authorized to receive any sums offered him by individuals or Churches toward the payment of such salaries, and to pay the same to the teachers designated by said donors, as part of said salaries.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board of Education be requested, if their funds will at all allow, to appropriate to the Treasurer of Synod a sum sufficient to meet such portion of the salaries of the theological teachers appointed by General Synod as shall not be provided for by the preceding resolution.

4. *Resolved*, That the speedy endowment of the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College be cordially recommended to our Churches and private members.

The report of the Council, and also the letter of resignation of Prof. Beck, refer at length to the undefined position and duties of the theological teachers at Hope College. It is deemed reasonable to relieve the minds of these hard working and poorly paid servants of the Church in a matter so easily reached. The "Amended Constitution" (Minutes 1871, p. 310) says that "Each Professor shall be chosen by General Synod," and that "their respective duties shall be determined by General Synod." Your Committee cannot see that the Church is ready in compliance with the Overture from the Classis of Michigan, to inaugurate one or more formal professorships at the present time; but we may, at least, define the status and duties of those men whose faithful services the Church

has enjoyed for eight years, "without compensation," in theological teaching, and that without any modification of former action. We, therefore, recommend that General Synod adopt the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That Rev. Charles Scott and Rev. T. Romeyn Beck be, and hereby are appointed Lectors in Theology in the Theological Seminary at Hope College.

Resolved, That Rev. T. Romeyn Beck be, and hereby is appointed Lector in Exegetical Theology, including Sacred Philology, Biblical Criticism and Hermeneutics.

2. *Resolved*, That Rev. Charles Scott be, and hereby is appointed Lector in Church History and Government and Archaeology.

3. *Resolved*, That this General Synod expresses its own sense of gratitude, and that of the Church, to these brethren, faithful and beloved, who, through so many years of toil and privation, have carried forward the work of theological training in our Western School, and expresses also its sincere hope that they may see their way clear to the acceptance of these positions and duties as now proposed to them.

Resolved, That Synod do now, most humbly and reverently commend this whole educational work, and all the dear brethren personally engaged in it, to the grace and favoring providence of God.

There has been nominated as member of Council of Hope College, for confirmation by General Synod, Rev. R. Pieters, in place of Rev. D. Broek.

[*Adopted thus far. The remainder referred to the next General Synod.*]

III.—The Constitution of the Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

Your Committee have had referred to them an Overture from the Classis of Ulster upon this subject. The paper refers to similar action by Classis of Greene, in 1874, and the response of Particular Synod of Albany. It appears, from Minutes of Particular Synod of Albany of 1875, that the Classis of Schenectady memorialized that Synod upon this subject; and also that the Particular Synod of

Albany, on two successive years, has unanimously memorialized General Synod to return to the former plan of organizing the Board of Superintendents.

Your Committee feel that this subject demands the serious attention of General Synod.

The memorial of Particular Synod of Albany presents various reasons for a return to the former construction of the Board. We give them in a condensed form :

1. The old plan secures to each Classis a representative of its own choice, and has long had the sanction of the Church.
2. The new plan is confessedly imperfect, and not an outgrowth of prevailing sentiment.
3. The inauguration of the new plan was too precipitate.
4. The new plan does not remove the necessity for a Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall.
5. The new plan weakens the bond between the Classes and the institutions at New Brunswick.
6. Although the Classes, as such, have a special interest in the Board, the new plan excludes them from all participation in the composition of its membership.
7. The new plan is manifestly partial, incomplete and unjust.

Your Committee regard these considerations as having great weight, and, coupled with the feeling and repeated unanimity of their presentation to Synod, such as should lead this body to a compliance with the request they enforce.

Your Committee can see no benefits in the new plan over the old one, and much less any such benefits as to counteract the feeling of opposition its introduction has occasioned. We have the efficiency and business force of the lay element in the Hertzog Hall Committee. The necessity for such a body of laymen led to its original appointment; a necessity so pressing that it could not be dispensed with under the new plan, though specifically aimed at. The lay element in the Board itself is, therefore, mostly, a superfluity, inasmuch as nearly all of its duties are technical, relating to studies in theology and kindred subjects purely professional. It is an unheard-of thing to set non-professional men to examine candidates for admission into law or medicine; why, then, in theology?

Besides, this recent constitution of the Board trenches not only upon immemorial usage, but, what is perhaps of more importance, upon the inherent rights of the Classes, as such. It is out of line with the genius of our church government, and the uniform spirit and wording of our Constitution. Among the "peculiar prerogatives" of the Classes is everything relating to ministers. They are examined, licensed, ordained, settled, dismissed, disciplined only by their Classes. Where is the necessity or propriety, then, of placing our seminaries and theological students under the care of Particular Synods? Rather, we think, let us continue to do what has been so well done in all the past, and leave our Seminary and students in the care of that primal authority in the Church to which they are so uniformly amenable. Moreover, your Committee do not see that General Synod has the right to take from Classes this privilege and duty of directly caring for their own sons in the Seminary, or the right to leave a considerable number of them from time to time wholly without representation; nor yet that there is one single advantage, but the reverse, in the new plan over the old.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick be restored, as it existed previously to the meeting of General Synod in June, 1872.

2. *Resolved*, That all the present members of the Board of Superintendents, including those to be appointed by Synod at the present meeting, lay as well as clerical, retain their places, and be the representatives of their several Classes until the expiration of the time for which they have been appointed.

3. *Resolved*, That the Classes not now represented as by the preceding resolutions be requested to nominate their respective members of the Board of Superintendents in accordance with the usage of the Church previously to 1872.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANSON DU BOIS, *Chairman*.

Three young men were recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers College for aid from the Van Benschoten Fund.

VEDDER LECTURE.

According to the rule, the Synod proceeded to the election of a Lecturer for 1876-7. A nominating ballot was taken on the 7th day. On the ninth day the election was held, and resulted in the unanimous choice of Rev. Hervey D. Ganse.

It was *Resolved*, That, in case the amount lacking to pay Prof. Lewis \$700 be handed to the Treasurer, he is hereby authorized to receive the same, and to give his obligation to repay the amount whenever the interest due on the Fund for the year ending May, 1875, shall come into his hands.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk, when he communicates to the person chosen his election as the Lecturer under the Vedder Lectureship, be requested to inform him of the terms of the gift, and that the compensation therefor will be the income of the funds given by Mr. Vedder when received by the Treasurer of General Synod.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

The following paper was adopted on the subject of the desecration of the Sabbath.

In view of the prevailing and increasing desecration of the holy Sabbath, in open violation of civil and moral laws, by railroad and steamboat companies, by beer saloons, excursion parties, Sunday papers, &c.

Resolved, Therefore that as a Synod we sincerely deplore this sad state of facts, and that we heartily approve the efforts being made by various Sabbath associations to promote a better observance of the Christian Sabbath.

Resolved, Also, that all the pastors within the bounds of Synod be requested to preach a special sermon on the proper observance of the Sabbath, on the last Sabbath of October, 1875.

The following paper was adopted on the subject of intemperance:

Whereas, The principle adopted by many individuals and societies in this country, for the suppression of intemperance, viz: total abstinence from the use of ardent spirits, except only its use as a medicine, has accomplished much good, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod earnestly recommend to the members of our Churches, to refrain from the use of ardent spirits, except as above mentioned.

2. *Resolved*, That the ministers of our Church be requested to inculcate the said principle both by precept and example, and to diffuse such knowledge among the young as shall best effect this object.

3. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to our Churches, ministers, and individual Christians to form societies and to adopt such other measures as may be best adapted to the end in view.

4. *Resolved*, That, as we can do nothing without God's help, the prayers of all Christians be requested for His blessing upon the means used, and the putting forth of His power to stay the progress of, and soon entirely suppress this withering, blasting and destructive sin of intemperance.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Forty-third Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, in printed form, was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The Treasurer's Report was also received and referred.

The Forty-third Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The Treasurer's Report was also received and referred.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report :

Your Committee have had before them the Forty-third Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

This Report is eminently worthy the most thoughtful consideration of all in our Church, who acknowledge the permanent obligation of our Saviour's last command.

The year, it is well known, has been one of great trial. Our faithful missionaries, although reinforced to a limited degree, have been few; and the means at their disposal most scanty. Under circumstances, calculated to depress and dishearten any less faithful than they, they have not fainted, and, while the results achieved have not, in every case, been all that was hoped for, they have yet, in the aggregate, exceeded the expectations and disappointed the fears of those most intimately acquainted with the difficulties encountered. Without reproducing the statements of the Report with any fullness, let it suffice to say, that in addition to the continuance of the ordinary work of the Board and its Missions, three missionaries have been sent to the front; a woman's Board of Foreign Missions, with several auxiliaries, has been organized and already justified its organization. A most gratifying progress has been made in the establishment of a well appointed girl's school at Yokohama. Fifty-seven were received on profession of faith into the Church at Yokohama; and in the Mission Churches as a whole, there has been a gain, over all losses, of more than fifty communicants.

It is evident that our Missions can advance in power and usefulness, as rapidly and as far as the Church will permit. And it is a most humiliating fact, that, while all our Missions call, and most urgently call for helpers; and while young men have offered themselves, and have requested the privilege of thus serving our Lord and His Church, the Church has refused to send them.

The explanation of the embarrassments under which our brethren have labored, as well as of the delay to send the waiting helpers so greatly needed, is to be found in the report of the finances of the Board. While there was an increase in the receipts from the Churches, and from individuals, amounting to \$5,383, the total of receipts from all sources was more than \$1,000 less than during the previous year; and the receipts, both of last year and the year

before, were about \$10,000 less than the average of the ten previous years. The debt of the Board, amounting to \$9,000 at the beginning of the year, has now become \$24,000. This result has been unavoidable. The most rigid economy, verging toward dangerous parsimony, has been enforced upon our Missions.

The home expenses, as the Treasurer's statement exhibits, were strictly necessary.

The appeals to the Church to prevent any addition to a burden already grievous, have been timely, distinct, and urgent.

The humiliating fact appears to be, that the Church has been unable to give, or has been unwilling to give; or, at least, most negligent in giving what the Head of the Church has evidently asked of her.

That her more than seventy thousand communicants, together with her many contributing non-communicants, have been unable to give the comparatively small amount required, cannot be true; even with utmost allowance for the prevailing financial depression.

That the Church, redeemed with blood, has been unwilling to give, we cannot so shame ourselves as to admit.

Negligent, unintentionally so it may be, but still negligent she must have been.

Conscientious, systematic effort on the part of all our Pastors, Consistories and congregations, would most surely have lifted from our Board and from the oppressed hearts of our brethren, the great burden which so heavily weighs upon them.

The necessary appropriations for the current year, together with the debt of \$24,000 amounts to somewhat over \$81,000.

Your Committee are informed that, as a temporary expedient, in view of the prevalent financial depression, \$11,000 of the debt can be carried, for the present, without serious inconvenience.

Deducting this amount, we have \$70,000 as the sum necessary to be raised, if only the most imperative wants of our Missions are to be met, and our Board relieved from a most oppressive burden.

This amount is a considerable advance upon the receipts of last year, but is scarcely, if at all in advance of the total reported a few years ago.

It is believed that if the Synod will fix definitely upon this amount of \$70,000 as the minimum, and will urgently request the Classes.

and every Church of every Classis, to adopt measures to secure at least its proportionate part of this amount, it can be raised.

Your Committee call the attention of Synod to the statements on pp. 28 and 29, concerning the need of a well trained teacher to assume charge of the Arcot Seminary ; one, whose especial business shall be, to train the students for efficient missionary service. The Congregational, Presbyterian and Baptist churches have recognized the necessity of such teachers, and have more or less completely endowed their missionary colleges and seminaries. The present time may not be favorable for securing an endowment of a Professorship in the Arcot Seminary ; but the subject is earnestly commended to the consideration of the Board, with the expression of the hope that the Providence of God will indicate the way to the speedy accomplishment of a result so desirable.

In view of the Report and the foregoing statements and suggestions, the following resolutions are submitted :

Resolved, That we gratefully recognize the loving kindness of the great Head of the Church through which our Missions, although crippled, have yet been able to accomplish a good and noble work for Him.

Resolved, That we hail with great satisfaction the organization of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, with its multiplying auxiliaries, and most heartily commend these organizations to the favor of all our Churches.

Resolved, That we regard the sum of \$70,000, as the least amount that will suffice to maintain our Foreign Missionary work for the coming year, and to relieve our Board from serious embarrassment.

Resolved, That each Classis is earnestly requested, at its first meeting, to seriously consider the critical condition of our Foreign Missionary work, and to devise measures to secure a contribution from each Church ; endeavoring, by voluntary assessment, or some other appropriate method, to raise at least a proportionate part of the \$70,000 hereby requested.

Resolved, That we tender to our beloved missionary brethren and their helpers, our grateful recognition of their zeal and faithfulness through years of trial ; and are resolved, God helping us, to give them the support, not of synodical resolutions alone, but of our hearty sympathy, our prayers, our efforts and our gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. COLLIER, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Domestic Missions, and Church Building Fund, presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Domestic Missions would respectfully report:

The Report of the Synod's Board of Domestic Missions referred to us is condensed, clear, and right in suggestions. The "Tabular statement of operations and results," presents us with an unusually good year's work. Ninety-one Missions, eleven more than last year, have been cared for by the Board. The number of missionaries employed is 76, or one more than last year. The number of families ministered to is 5,035, or 864 more than last year. The additions to the membership of these missionary Churches number 1,052; 742 by confession, and 310 by certificate.

To sustain these efforts, the Treasurer of the Board reports receipts from contributions to the amount of \$23,732 90, or \$3,698 38 less than last year; and from legacies \$22,400 83, or \$16,902 29 more than last year. The expenditures of the Board have been \$35,133 77, or \$2,128 86 more than last year. It will be seen from this statement that the unusually large sum realized from legacies has been the salvation of the Board from a formidable debt. Measuring the expenditures of the Board by its receipts from contributions, which constitute its ordinary reliance, but for this providential supply, the Board must either have curtailed its expenses, or must have borrowed to the amount of \$11,400 83. The legacies, however, have not only prevented both a reduction of work and the creation of a debt, but have swelled the last year's "balance in the Treasury," of \$639 89, to the sum of \$11,696 10. The fact, that such a balance exists, will, doubtless, suggest the inquiry: Why, in view of the pressing needs of the field, hold so large a sum in abeyance? To this we reply: This balance has served an essential need in the transactions of the Board. It has tided the Church Building Fund over a crisis. It ought to be understood that our Church Building Fund, which the Board has in charge, is overloaded. The demands made upon it are far in excess of its ability to meet them. Encouraged by the promise of \$100,000 from the Centennial Fund, the Board promised to needy congregations aid in their church building enterprises, in the order in which their applications were entered; such aid to be rendered as fast as

the funds would permit. But, instead of \$100,000, only \$15,000 were realized from the centennial effort, and to the most of that special direction was given by the donors. Hence the Board must either turn a deaf ear to the Churches whose hopes had been thus excited, or else involve the Church Building Fund in debt. The Board chose the latter alternative, and the debt thus created grew till this balance in the Treasury became absolutely necessary to its management. The total amount received by this fund from all sources and for all objects is \$7,921 92; \$3,200 of which were contributed by one generous lover of our Zion, who declines to let her left hand know what her right hand doeth. May she receive as liberally as she has bestowed. The indebtedness of the fund at the beginning of the year was \$14,047 30, and now stands at about \$17,000. One of the most difficult and delicate features of the Board's work is that of adjusting the deficient income of this fund to the wants of the Churches. A case in point is that of our Chicago Church, which needs to be saved and ought to be saved, but which the Board is powerless to aid, notwithstanding its most strenuous efforts to do so. It is heart-aching work to look upon such wants, and yet not to be able to relieve them.

Among the Missions of the Board, 21 new church edifices have been erected during the year, and aid in paying interest has been given to six others. Six new Churches have been organized and received under the care of the Board, and several new mission fields have been occupied.

The Sabbath school branch of the Board's work is in a flourishing condition. A summary of results within the Particular Synod of Chicago, furnished by Rev. N. D. Williamson, the Western Missionary Sabbath school Superintendent, exhibits a large advance upon former years in all phases of the work; and the Secretary is persuaded that the same hopeful condition of things exists at the East. In all, seventeen new schools have been organized—an increase of eight over last year.

Upon the whole, therefore, your Committee regard the condition of the Domestic Missionary work of the Church as creditable and inspiring. That the work has held its own through the embarrassments of the past year is positively encouraging. Financially, it has been among the hardest years which the Board has ever encountered.

This one fact would have rendered a large deficiency not at all surprising. And then this success has been reached without any special appeal to the Churches, for two reasons: the Board has desired to test, in a measure, the purpose of the Church concerning its missionary work at home, and also not to hinder it from giving all needed attention to the emergencies of its foreign work. Add to these facts the force of other influences which have hindered its efficiency, and we are sure that the Synod has occasion to thank God and take courage. It is demonstrated, as we believe, that our Reformed Church retains her confidence in her home missionary work. She has no idea of halting or faltering in her onward way. She has faith in her Missionary Churches, and in her agents and agencies of church extension, whether at the East or the West. Her purpose to go forward is unmistakably uttered in the history of her Domestic Board during the past year. She has taken her place among the tribes of our Protestant Israel, and is going up, shoulder to shoulder with them, to possess the land.

In view of the wants of the Board, as disclosed by our survey of its work, your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the blessing of a covenant-keeping God, resting so manifestly upon our Domestic Missionary work, calls for the heartiest gratitude of Synod—a gratitude which shall prompt to renewed energy and zeal in carrying forward the work to a glorious completion.

2. *Resolved*, That the attention of Classes and Consistories and Churches be called to the urgent necessities of our Church Building Fund, and that they be requested to make special efforts to put it into efficient working order.

3. *Resolved*, That all the Churches be requested to adopt the plan of monthly or quarterly collections in favor of the Board of Domestic Missions.

Respectfully submitted.

E. W. BENTLEY, *Chairman*.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Foreign Missions:

Revs. Wm. H. Steele, A. R. Thompson, J. McC. Holmes, Wm. R. Duryee, T. B. Romeyn; Messrs. Sanford Cobb, A. V. W. Van Vechten, D. P. Ingraham.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Domestic Missions:

Revs. Isaac Riley, R. H. Steele, A. Du Bois, C. W. Bentley; Messrs. J. W. Ferdon, Benson Van Vliet, John Lyon, William H. Kirk.

In reference to the Second Church of Chicago, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod the present condition of the Second Reformed Church in Chicago, and of our whole Western work, which it so intimately affects, is such as to call for the most serious anxiety, and the most earnest efforts of every friend of the Church, in order to prevent a great disaster.

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Rev. J. A. Todd, David Cole, U. D. Gulick and E. P. Livingston, and Elders P. R. Westfall and S. R. W. Heath, be, and hereby is appointed to devise and execute a plan for the earliest possible presentation of this urgent case to our people in all parts of the Church.

Resolved, That this renewed effort to put our representative Church in the chief city of the West upon a stable and prosperous basis, be, and hereby is cordially commended to the sympathy and generous support of our whole denomination.

Rev. Dr. Todd, Chairman of the Committee on the Second Church of Chicago, having reported that a subscription had been opened, and that nearly \$10,000 had already been subscribed to pay the debt of the Church, it was

Resolved, That when the amount raised in aid of the Second Reformed Church of Chicago shall have been paid over to said Church, the Trustees thereof shall be required to execute to the Board of Domestic Missions a mortgage to secure the present subscriptions, together with the previous advances made from the Church Building Fund.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds present the following report:

The papers referred to your Committee, and examined by them, are the several accounts of the Disabled Ministers' Fund, the Widows' Fund, and the Widows' Fund Income Account.

1. The Disabled Ministers' Fund was designed to reach the needy circumstances of those of our brethren who have been unable to obtain an interest in the Widows' Fund.

The receipts for the year are as follows:

By collections from Churches.....	\$1,258 25
By interest on invested principal.....	2,881 63
Which, with the balance of last year.....	2,372 33
Amounted to	<u>\$6,512 21</u>

This Fund exhibits an increase of \$914 88, in place of a decrease of \$124 21 in the report of last year.

2. The Widows' Fund, which designates the principal or permanent capital of that Fund, exhibits an increase of \$1,765 67, being \$512 40 greater than the increase of last year.

The Fund now amounts to \$38,631 02.

3. The Widows' Fund Income Account, which designates the current receipts and disbursements for the year as distinct from the Permanent Fund, has afforded relief to three of our brethren laid aside from the work of the ministry, and to fifteen widows of others who rest from their labors, leaving a balance of \$1,522 40.

The maximum amount paid to annuitants this year was \$135. The prospects of this Fund are encouraging; and, with a moderate effort on the part of the ministry, we can see no reason why this Fund should fail in meeting the good end for which it was designed.

Your Committee, in closing their report, would reiterate a former utterance in earnestly "commending the cause of the disabled minister, the widow and the orphan, to the continued and enlarged liberality of the Churches."

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. TAYLOR,	} <i>Committee.</i>
C. SPAULDING,	
WM. JOHNS,	
J. W. BAKER.	
A. VAN HORNE,	

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The Twenty-first Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the same Committee.

A memorial was received from the Board of Publication, which was read and referred to the Committee on Publication.

By request of the Board, Rev. David Inglis, D.D., was permitted to address the Synod in explanation of the memorial.

The Committee on the Board of Publication presented the following report which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee of Publication has had the Twenty-first Annual Report and a memorial of the Board of Publication placed in their hands for consideration.

The former documents show that the results of the year's business is about the same as that of the one preceding, notwithstanding the financial depression and the newspaper controversy about its affairs.

The total amount of sales is \$10,434 28, which is \$380 64 less than one year ago.

The receipts from contributors are \$5,808 89, which is \$64 20 less than the previous year.

The donations of books and tracts to struggling Sunday schools and hospitals are \$825 56, being a decrease of \$359 56.

The new issues, besides sermons, are the first volume of the Vedder Lectures, the Life of Rev. Henry Ostrander, and the New Constitution, there being no lack of manuscripts, but only of means to enlarge the list. The Sower and Gospel Field is obtaining wide circulation, over a wider space than heretofore, and now reaches 7,500 copies.

The total indebtedness of the Board is \$7,776 18, after deducting credit on book accounts, United States Bonds and cash in the treasury, while from a conjectural estimate of the Publishing Agents' made before the committee, the total value of the stock on hand, over and above all liabilities, is \$30,000.

The fact also appears that the salaries of the Corresponding Secretary, Publishing Agent, First and Second Clerk, are \$5,857, in contrast with \$5,808 89 contributions from all sources, together with \$10,434 28, the amount of sales.

Another document, a memorial of the Board of Publication, has also been referred to this Committee for consideration, and has relation chiefly to the matters involved in the newspaper controversy about its affairs; in this connection, the explanatory address of Rev. Dr. Inglis, made before General Synod, has been carefully considered, as furnishing data for our guidance.

After twenty years' efforts to establish this Board, and the frequent utterances of General Synod within that period on the necessity of its auxiliary aid for the perpetuity and extension of our Church, it is believed by your Committee that the large majority of our ministers and people are in favor of its continued existence. Assuming this to be a fact, we proceed to such suggestions as seem at this juncture of events to be desirable to attain this end.

This Board has encountered great difficulties from the lack of capital from its organization, and the thanks of the Church are due to its officers and members for their liberal gifts and sacrificing labors on its behalf, and their honesty and integrity in all its financial transactions are unimpeachable. Especially as that management has been shaped by the acts and proceedings of General Synod, in reference to the assumption of the work of the defunct Sunday School Board, and the authorization of the new hymn book with notes, both measures having decreased its profits and its assets. The Board, as the agents of General Synod, has been faithful in the execution of these directions.

Still it is evident, by a reference to the Minutes of General Synod, that the Church as a whole has not been satisfied with one feature in the management of the Board, namely, the salaries of its employees and the current expenses, as compared with its collections and sales; as the former appear to be excessive in a business point of view to the latter, or simply as a scheme of benevolence to be conducted at too much cost.

In the session of 1865, the Committee on Publication (see page 643) remark, "Great care should be exercised not to increase the

expense of the Board, except in strictly necessary ways. During the past year, the mercantile administration of the Board, not including the expenses of the army agent, has cost over ten per cent. This, in view of the fact that much of the Board's work of collection, publication and circulation is done by those who make no charge for their labor, appears a large per centage, and should challenge the attention of the Board to the end of every possible reduction of it, and a most scrupulous care to allow no such thing as partially sinecure employees. If the new clerkship spoken of be established, it may be found possible to combine his duties with those of the present agent or some other clerk."

Again, in 1869 (see page 661), the following opinions are expressed: "It is plain that as a business operation this part of the Board's work is not conducted to the advantage of the Church; just where the fault, if fault there be, may be, whether, in untoward legislation on the affairs of the Board in former years, or somewhere else, it is not for your Committee to say. The fact, however, is sufficiently plain, that the depository costs too much for the work it does. As entire reorganization is usually the surest way of remedying chronic inefficiency in almost any institution, your Committee are of the opinion that the entire reorganization of the business of the depository would be likely to secure the end at which the Synod has been so long arriving. And they are more inclined to recommend this, inasmuch as a change of some kind will shortly have to be made.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to reorganize the business of its depository in such a way as to secure its most efficient conduct, with a view to making it pay expenses not only, but also to gain an increasing surplus year by year, to be appropriated in such channels of church work as the General Synod shall direct."

We refer to these items as some of the facts which have given rise to this dissatisfaction, as shown in the above extracts. In the report of the Board of Publication, 1866, page 4, it is stated that the total amount of receipts from churches in twelve years is \$15,717 50, and from individuals is \$10,001 80. Total, \$25,719 30.

Besides, the system of collections as pursued subsequent to that date, shows the following results :

Paid Cor. Secretary.	Contributions.
May, 1868.....\$3,192 69	\$5,812 06
1869.. 2,590 97	6,927 29
1870..... 2,629 12	9,695 77
1871..... 2,621 46	10,869 41
1872..... 2,651 15	10,133 05
1873..... 3,129 03	10,853 32
1874..... 2,629 00	5,873 09
1875..... 2,655 19	5,808 89
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\$22,098 61	\$65,912 88

From this statement it will be observed that one-third of the total sum of contributions during the last eight years has been consumed in the expense of their collection.

Again, let us institute another standard of comparison, as to the use which has been made of the offerings of the Church to this object:

From the net assets reported, 1875.....	\$44,017 75
Deduct the assets reported, 1868	21,928 42

And the remainder shows an increase.....\$22,079 33

But the net contributions after deducting the expenses

of collecting are.....	43,814 27
From which subtract increase of assets.....	22,079 33

Then there have been absorbed.....\$21,734 94
within eight years, to say nothing of the contributions of \$25,719 30
donated by the Churches and individuals prior to that period.

The observation of such particulars as these has arrested the attention of the laity, business men, and occasioned the newspaper controversy alluded to, the overtures of Classes on this subject, and the difficulties of pastors in presenting the claims of this Board as an object of benevolence before their congregations. Now, it seems to be the judgment of the majority of our people, so far as the signs of the times indicate, that the resolution adopted by a previous Synod, and above recited, be carried out by the Board into practical operation within the present year.

Immediate reform would commend this Board to the confidence of the Churches far more than any endorsement of General Synod without retrenchment.

Members of the Board would be relieved from embarrassment as to the course that would be best to pursue by a positive and unequivocal utterance from this body, especially as its memorial speaks of itself as "a creature of Synod, a willing servant to do the Synod's work." And as in its Constitution there is a clause stating that "the immediate care and supervision of this work shall be entrusted to a Board, to be directly amenable to General Synod." Moreover, in its memorial, the Board invokes the counsel and direction of Synod at the present crisis.

Accordingly, the exigency of the case, we think, demands an immediate application of the indicated remedy; reform first, and investigation afterwards.

In this connection the following resolution is submitted for adoption by General Synod:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to reorganize as soon as possible the entire business department of the Depository, and of the Secretaryship, so as to combine both offices in one capable person, together with one or more well qualified clerks, in order to reduce its expenses to the minimum standard.

Resolved, That the Board shall consider the wisdom and advantage of a change in the location of the Depository, and whether one could not be secured more conspicuous or central, where it would attract more public notice, and where it would effect larger sales.

Another topic presented in the memorial of the Board is its request for the appointment of a committee by this Synod to examine thoroughly its accounts, books, stock and all matters pertaining to its condition and management. This measure, no doubt, would be a relief to the Board, as it would afford an opportunity for a revaluation of its assets, corresponding more nearly with their actual worth. And as we feel assured that the most searching investigation would evince the soundness of this institution, the result would be only to commend it more fully to the confidence of the Churches.

Under this persuasion the following resolution is recommended for adoption:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to examine all the affairs of the Board of Publication, and report the result, together with such suggestions as they may think proper, to the Board of Publication.

Another item contained in the report of the Board refers to "a conference held in Richmond, Va., December 31, 1874, between the Committee of the Board of Publication of the Southern Presbyterian Church and the Committee of our Board, when it was agreed that the following proposition should be presented to the General Assembly of that Church and to this Synod, asking that this body shall permit the consummation of this project. The Sower and Gospel Field shall be merged with the Earnest Worker, to be printed at New York, and published simultaneously at New York and Richmond. The Children's Friend shall be adopted by both Boards, and shall be printed at Richmond, and published simultaneously at Richmond and New York. Both these periodicals shall be edited on such plan as shall be arranged between the two Boards hereafter."

The following resolution is proposed in this connection :

Resolved, That General Synod take no action on the subject.

Finally, as it is hoped that the accomplishment of these measures will entitle the Board of Publication to the hearty confidence and co-operation of all our Churches, the following resolutions are submitted for adoption :

Resolved, That all our pastors be requested to recommend their parishioners, in making their selection of Sunday school library books, or of theological or miscellaneous works, to purchase them at our Depository.

Resolved, That in order to put this Board in a flourishing condition, each pastor or consistory arrange in their congregations for an annual collection for this Board.

Resolved, That the Sower and Gospel Field be commended anew, as a religious paper worthy of a place in every family, and as a most valuable assistant to Sunday school teachers and scholars in the preparation of their lessons as prescribed in the international series.

JOHN F. MESICK, *Chairman*.

JOHN B. CHURCH,	} <i>Committee.</i>
C. I. SHEPARD,	
JOHN W. FERDON,	
GEO. CONOVER,	

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Publication :

Revs. A. R. Thompson, J. Forsyth, J. P. Strong, Wm. B. Merrit; Messrs. Thos. M. Gopsill, David D. Smith, Ditmas Jewell, G. C. Churchill.

The Committee of five, provided for in the above report, is as follows :

Elder Samuel A. Foote, Chairman ; Revs. Charles I. Shepard, C. H. Edgar ; Elders Peter S. Duryee and John Lyon.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to meet the obligations of the Board for which Rev. William Ferris is now personally responsible.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The Van Benschoten Bequest was read.

The Synod resolved that the morning session should begin at nine o'clock, and close at twelve; and that the afternoon session begin at half past two, and close at half-past five.

Revs. Wm. J. R. Taylor, A. J. Park, and N. D. Williamson, and Elder John Lyon, were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The same Committee, with the addition of the pastors of the Reformed Churches of the city, was appointed as a Committee on Supplies for the Sabbath.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the pastors and ministerial brethren of Jersey City, who may be present at the sessions of the Synod, be introduced and invited to seats within the bar of the house.

The first half hour of each day, according to the rule, was spent in devotional exercises.

On the afternoon of the second day of the session the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The President conducted the services, and read the form. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. F. Hoes. Rev. William Ormiston delivered an address and distributed the bread; and Rev. Henry E. Decker, after an address, distributed the wine. Elders Theodore F. Cornell, George H

Conover, B. C. Miller, P. H. Westfall, Daniel F. Jones, D. P. Ingraham, John A. Lott and William R. Janeway assisted in the service of distributing the elements.

By order of the Synod, the Clerks were authorized to have the usual number of copies of members and of the Standing Committees printed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider and report what measures, if any, should be taken by this body, for a proper observance of the Centennial Anniversary of the nation next year.

The following were appointed :

Revs. T. W. Chambers, J. F. Mesick and R. B. Welch. Elders, Theodore F. Cornell and William Robb.

The Committee presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee appointed in reference to the Centennial Anniversary of American Independence, beg leave to report as follows :

The interest and importance of this occasion are of such magnitude, that it seems proper that the people should observe it in every possible way, and especially in such religious exercises as will distinctly recognize the Divine Hand in the origin and progress of our nation, and express and intensify the gratitude due to the God of our fathers.

We recommend, therefore,

1. That the first Lord's day in July, 1876, be set apart as a day of thanksgiving and praise for our national mercies; and that the pastor of each Church deliver a discourse on the religious aspects of American liberty, as illustrated in the history of our denomination. If the circumstances of any portion of the Church render an earlier day in the year desirable, the third Lord's day in April is the one recommended.

2. That an opportunity be then afforded for every member of the congregation to make a thank-offering to the Lord. The sums thus contributed shall be called the Centennial Seminary Fund, to be securely invested by the Board of Direction, and the interest applied to meet all the contingent expenses, of whatever kind, connected with our theological schools—to be apportioned as the Synod for the time shall direct.

3. That Rev. Messrs A. R. Thompson, A. P. Van Gieson, J. McC. Holmes, T. W. Chambers, R. W. Clark and Charles Scott, and the Elders F. T. Frelinghuysen and John A. Lott, be a Committee empowered to prepare, or to have prepared by such other sons of the Church as they may call to their aid, a series of discourses on the following and other appropriate topics :

The points of similarity between the struggle for independence here and that of our Holland ancestors.

The character and development of our Church in the colonial period.

The posture of its ministers and elders during the Revolution.

The resemblance of its polity to that of our country.

Its type of doctrine, as represented by the symbols of Heidelberg and Dordrecht.

Its peculiar history in relation to theological education.

Its hereditary interest in all forms of popular education.

Its liturgical features and spirit.

Its missionary work, at home and abroad.

Its influence in preserving soundness of doctrine.

Its immovable attachment to its own heir-looms of faith and order, combined with the most catholic spirit toward all other Christians.

Its duty in the coming century, as foreshown by its course in the last hundred years.

4. That these discourses be delivered and repeated as often as convenient in various parts of the Church, and that the next General Synod be requested to take order for their publication.

Respectfully submitted.

T. W. CHAMBERS, *Chairman*.

On Friday, the third day of the session, Synod proceeded in a body to New Brunswick, and participated in the service of dedicating the Gardner A. Sage Library.

In reference to this occasion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the General Synod are due, and hereby expressed to Col. Gardner A. Sage, for the courteous liberality which provided for Synod's presence and generous entertainment at New Brunswick, at the dedication of the valuable Library Building he has given to our Church.

Professors Demarest, De Witt and Crispell being present, they were, at the suggestion of the President, received by the Synod, according to the old custom, the members rising, and were invited to occupy seats within the bar of the house.

Rev. F. H. Van Der Veer was heard in explanation of the overture from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, in relation to the words "dipping in," in the form for baptism.

On motion, Rev. A. R. Van Neste, D.D., was heard in behalf of the Free Church in Italy, upon which the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod sympathizes most heartily with the work of the Free Italian Church, and hereby requests its Board of Foreign Missions to receive and forward such moneys as may be offered for the support of the evangelists of said Church.

The following, in relation to the Bible and the Public Schools, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That while this General Synod has no sympathy with any attempt to make the State an engine for the propagation of a mere sectarianism, it regards the use of the Bible in the Public Schools as a legitimate measure of great utility and importance, for the proper education of our American children and youth in those principles of sound morals and sterling patriotism which are so essential to the perpetuity and welfare of the nation; and it deprecates most earnestly the exclusion of the Bible from the Public Schools, as the surrender of a sacred right, which, as we have received it, under the good providence of God, from our fathers, we should do our utmost to transmit to our children unimpaired.

Resolved, That this General Synod hereby puts on record its emphatic disapproval of all appropriations by legislative or other civil authority, of the public money, for sectarian uses, or for the promotion of sectarian ends.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed for the purpose of procuring the enactment of such laws as in their judgment shall be necessary for the protection of church property.

The following were appointed :

Elders James Anderson, D. P. Ingraham, Jacob B. Jewett, Samuel A. Foote and George S. Conover.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

A sermon on behalf of the benevolent operations of the Church was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session by Rev. John McC. Holmes, from 1 Cor., 4, 2: "Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

Rev. R. B. Welch was chosen Primarius, and Rev. David Inglis, Secundus, to preach the sermon on Benevolence before the next General Synod.

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Contributions made during the year ending April 30, 1875, by the several Churches, to the (denominational) Boards and Funds recommended by General Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each Church, whether by church collections or otherwise.

[See Synod Proceedings, June, 1862, p. 212.]

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Albany.							
First Albany		628 61	1828 38	150			
Second Albany	47	421 27	376 27	77 85			
Third Albany							
Fourth Albany	10	10	20				
Holland Albany		16	7	6			
Second Berne		14	18	10			
First Bethlehem			59 13	29 50			50
Second Bethlehem	30	43 41	46 10	30			
Clarksville							
Coeymans	16 11		71 66	67 12			
Jerusalem		13 25	6 25	30	3 15	3 15	3 80
Knox		10	23				3
New Baltimore	8 41	15 89	195 63	7 31			
New Salem		7 50	33 50				
Onisquethaw				30			
Union			12				
Westerlo		40	20				
Classis of Bergen.							
English Neighborhood		24	40	20	20	15	
First Hackensack		250	927	50			25
Schraalenberg	30 25	52 10	31 58	53			1
New Durham	25	51	126 54				17 77
First Hoboken		6 20					
Third Jersey City	84 93	300	9 05		20	3 09	
North Bergen	15		5				
Second Hackensack		28 91					
German, Hoboken		4 78	38 61				
German, Hackensack		14	10				
Closter City	20	20 80	27 50	20 80			2
Palisades		26 45					
Guttenberg							
Central Ave. J. C. Heights	6	8 56	13 50				
Fort Lee		3 96					
S. Classis of Bergen.							
Bergen	30 44	1105 56	471 98	24 66			26 51
First Jersey City		362 60	136 13	25			
First Bayonne	23 23	31	41 27	17 73			12 49
First Van Vorst	50 54	400	434 78	27 22		9 25	224
Bergen Point	30	775	125	100		30	75
Second Hudson City	13	22 50	12 68				

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
S. Classis of Bergen.							
CONTINUED.							
Lafayette	25	165 78	482 66	15	13	12	75
West End .....	.....	7 04	10				
Greenville							
Free Jersey City	4	.....	16 50				
Third Bayonne							
South Bergen		20					
Classis of Cayuga.							
Canastota							
Chittenango	17 11	68 06	72 92	7 75			13 85
Cicero			10				
Lysander	3	7 53	3	2 50	2 35	1 75	8
Naumburg							
New Bremen			13	7 50			
Owasco		6 14	58 82			1 80	4 22
Owasco Outlet		99 77	189 77	22 88		18 59	11 25
Syracuse		69 20					
Thousand Isles							
Utica	66 31	425 71	676 75	55	73	60	2
West Leyden	2 80	9 65	6	2 80			
C. of Grand River.							
Detroit			5				
Fremont Center			16 75				
First Grand Haven							
Second Grand Haven							
Grand Rapids	50	50	101 60			8 56	
Grandville		30	20				60
Kalamazoo		11 72	116 48				
Muskegon	21 50	31	49 72				
Polkton		12	5				
South Haven							
Spring Lake	10 10	16 50	49 20	6 50			12 26
Classis of Geneva.							
Arcadia							
Buffalo							
Cato							
Cleveland				11 14			
Caroline							
Clymer	4	4	23				
Clymer Village							
Dunkirk							
East Williamson	15	10	10	20			
Farmer Village		28 95	60 25				
Fair Haven	18	39	19 45	17 56			
Geneva	33 27	36 47	65 81	25 54	6 09	6 09	7 90
Ithaca		5	5				
Lodi	14 53	67 51	68	12 08		8 45	8 31
Marion	9	14	25 67	6 48			9
Mina Corners	8	4 45	22 67				
Pultneyville	12 30	6 67	17 63				
Rochester	20	23 55	45 23	5			
Tyre	5 20	10	32 70	5	3 60		4 26

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Greene.							
First Athens		31 50					
Second Athens			5				
Catskill	20	30	5	10			42
First Coxsackie	20 10	35 05	63	7 80			
Second Coxsackie	25	74 62	115 61	23 17	4 21	4 21	
Kiskatom	8	19	24 05	6			
Leeds		23	80		20		
Moresville							
Prattsville		7 10	7	30	3 62	3 63	
Roxbury			7	30 90			
Classis of Holland.							
Beaverdam		31	19 45				
Drenthe			25				
Ebenezer	7 40		24 56	6 96			
Fynaart	3 80		9 15				4
Graafschap		6	21 61				
First Holland			99 45	25	20		
Third Holland		8 13	49 70	4 72			
Jamestown			10				
North Holland			37 67				34
Overyssel	18 75	14	59 28	19 79			
East Overyssel							
Rotterdam							
Saugatuck			15 37				
Vriesland	9	19 75	64	15 25			
Zabriskie Memorial Church							
Zeeland		47 30	85 50	9 25			
Classis of Hudson.							
Hudson	53 18	282 95	664 54	42 54			59 72.
First Claverack	17 58	22	194 82	11 95		15 69	14
Second Claverack	29 80	37 35	135 03		10 13	10 12	17 70
Linlithgow	7	20 55	12				8 60
Greenport			76 50				
Germantown		15 62	9 03	5 52			
Upper Red Hook	5	21 29	7 97	3 68			7 60
Greenbush		31 23	60	8			
Taghkanic	16	10	10				
Livingston, at Linlithgow.							
Classis of Illinois.							
Fair View	10 30	19 25	103 87		20		
Pekin	3	11 56	11 50				
Spring Lake		8	4				
Karitan	15 75	9	40				
Bushnell	10 45	16 40	23 85	2 40	5 60	9 65	5 10
Davenport		18					
First Pella	18	16 60	28 10		20		
Havana							
Second Pella		5 32		9 40			15
Bethel			16				17
Leyden Centre		6					
Third Pella			58				
Fourth Pella							
Am. Ref. Chicago							
Otley							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Illinois.							
CONTINUED.							
Orange City							
Norris			5				
Norwood Park		18 65		10			
Somerset		5 50	17 50				
Irving Park				10			
Classis of Kingston.							
Bloomington		9	8				
The Clove	47 94	39 42	27 64	25 94			
Dashville Falls	3 35	2 60	50			2 76	
Guilford			18 55	9 50			
Hurley	20 04	52 74	105 58	11 13			10 25
North Ch. Marbletown	5 50	30 55	52 22	3 10			2 05
Second Kingston		65	75	8 20			
Marbletown	4	8 12	38 69			12 15	
New Paltz	37 40	50	309 31	26 23	20	4 71	
Rochester			70 73	20			
Rosendale	1	6	5	5			
Sampsonville		2					
St. Remy		2					
N. Classis of L. Isl'd.							
Jamaica	62 50	43 67	121 53	61 05	14 46	14 46	15 76
Newtown		45 20	29	5		15 52	14 46
Oyster Bay	15 37	41 16	72 19	15 45	20		17 29
North Hempstead		16		22			
Williamsburgh		65 71		50			
Astoria	93 11	23 06	230 45	13 92	7 80	12 80	44 55
Flushing	15	70	110 26	15			
Greenpoint	83	95 38	118 72			6	
South Bushwick			27 75				
Lee Avenue							
Second Astoria			96 67	20 19			
East Williamsburgh							
Second Newtown	2						
Queens	14 65	26 75	112 48				
Ger. Ev. Brooklyn, E. D. ..	20	11 50	19 50		3	3	
Sayville	3 50	5	11	4	5 70	5 35	3 70
Locust Valley	8		14 02				13
College Point							
S. Classis of L. Isl'd.							
Brooklyn	356 68	997 20	2216 85	124 84	59 91	59 92	226 61
Flatbush	1493 50	1269 74	1453 98	51 08	20	10 28	318 75
Flatbush Mission				5			
New Utrecht	27 66	398 70	354 86	99 63	20		16 65
Gravesend	27 26	119 53	87 50	37 45	9 72	9 73	27 25
Flatlands	38 85	116 53	121 12	51 05	11 34	5	18 80
New Lots		49 32	153 30	12 25	6 50	6 50	
East New York	20	59 60	77 25	141 44			22 50
South Brooklyn		116 80	52 68	16 50			35 02
Middle Brooklyn		58 13	103 55	42 38			
Twelfth Street	17		5	13 26			8
Church on the Heights	476 15	1510 53	2410 05	246 65	50 90	50 90	376 63
New Brooklyn	18	15	10	10			
East Brooklyn				122 69			
Rockville Centre							
German, Flatbush		5 04	5 39	5 30			

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Michigan.							
Battle Creek							
Centreville			63 25				
Constantine		25				5 31	100
Grand Rapids	5 30	20 45	9 20				
Hope	2	28 50	21				
Macon		8 50	17 44				
Porter							
South Bend		8 50	5				
South Macon		2	10 70				
Classis of Monmouth.							
First Freehold		38 17	62 74	2 50			20
Second Freehold	48 36	31 48	51 50	86	24 60		36 35
Holmdel	40	69 50	92 60		15 85	12 70	58 75
Spotswood		1					
Middletown	3	90	25	3			4
Keyport		34 42	25 35				30
Long Branch	17 91	20 32	20 41	15	7 64	6 66	5
Colt's Neck	5	10	30	5	10	10	10
C. of Montgomery.							
Auriesville							
Canajoharie	10	9	45 16	12 11	10	10	20
Columbia							
Currytown		12 50	25 85				
Ephratah		4	10				
Florida	24 05		29 10				
Fonda	65	194	217 50	76 35	30	40	
Fort Plain	40 11	54 15	80 47				
Fort Herkimer							
Fultonville	25 15	35 56	34 42	51	7 10	7 10	10 25
Glen		28	68 12	30 30			
Hagaman's Mills	20 40	21 97	20	16 81			
Henderson							
Herkimer				19			
Indian Castle			1 50				
Manheim	11	11	13 50	8			
Mapletown		4 44	10 91				
Mohawk	10 17	25	40 26				
Port Jackson	10	8 52	7 65	7			
St. Johnsville			57 85	10 65			
Stone Arabia		6	10 30	6 25			
Spraker's Basin							
Tillaborough							
Classis of Newark.							
Belleville	48 02	52	153 35	52			
First Newark	26 97	654 56	546 34				50
Irvington							
Second Newark	10 08	174 29	132 04	15 50	11		9 88
Franklin		19 80	10				
North Newark	71 15	606 56	2090 20			33 54	52 39
West Newark				1	1	1	1 35
Clinton Avenue, Newark ..	19 82	200					
East Reformed, Newark ..							
Linden		26 62					
Woodside							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
C. of New Brunswick.							
First New Brunswick.....	37 24	20,301.19	246 36	34	23 73	23	47 23
Six Mile Run.....	130 70	323 68	358 58	231 92	15	10 05	64 05
Hillsborough.....		108 71	123 10	9 81			79 16
Middlebush.....	5902 94	162 45	194 16	25			
Griggstown.....		108 61	59 64	5			
Second New Brunswick...	35 18	187 03	867 07	27 35	13 54	13 54	26 20
Bound Brook.....		23 28	23 28				
Third New Brunswick....			58				
East Millstone.....	22 43	39 18	31 79	13 35			
Metuchen.....	9	17 62	17 50				
Classis of New York.							
Collegiate, New York....	1748 59	4651 13	3707 11	457 62	208 41	208 41	517 68
Harlem.....	201 47	87 28	96 21	21 82		26 29	49 60
South New York.....	221 71	305 74	1086 60				
Staten Island.....	20	25	193 48	25	15	20	
Bloomington.....							
Madison Avenue.....		25	134 57				
Thirty-Fourth Street.....	33 71	75 43	90 07	33 72	26	20	46 64
German Evan. Mission....	75	80	190	63 98	10	10	30
St. Paul's.....							
Richmond, S. I.....							
Mott Haven.....		36 37					
Huguenots, S. I.....		37 70	9 50				
Fourth German.....		29					
Prospect Hill.....	20	38	65	22 40			
Holland.....		12 55	13 07	3 47		8 18	
Brookfield, Conn.....		50					
S. Classis of N. York.							
Brighton Heights.....	12	40 69	32 48	34 50			
Washington Square.....	1000	320	271	35	30	30	100
Bushwick.....		12 50	12 50				
Union Ref., 6th Avenue...	37 95	31 60	24 40	47 35			
German Ref.Ch. Norfolk St		30		25			
North Brooklyn.....	27 25		25				
Ger., Ave. B and 5th St...			5				
Classis of Orange.							
Berea.....	8	22	18	9	4	4	10
Bloomingsburgh.....	19	12 50	30 25				
Callicoon.....			11				
Claryville.....							
Cuddebackville.....		5	17				
Deerpark.....	32 25	188	555 19	19 70		23	14 75
Ellenville.....		42 56	129 91				
Fallsburgh.....	4	9	9				2 50
Fremont.....		7 25					
Grahamville.....							
Jeffersonville.....							
Kerhonkson.....							
Mamakating.....							
Minnisink.....		12	5 70				
Montgomery.....		265 19	600	40			257
Newburgh.....	18 88	28 16	474 76	19 47			29 53
New Hurley.....	29 75	29 75	23 08	36 07			
New Prospect.....	4 28	9 70	10 53	7 65		5 85	10 30
North Branch.....							

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Classis of Orange.							
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Shawangunk		9 81	13 75				7 50
Walden	42 44	81 05	126 73				
Walkill Valley	9 45	9 09	15	5			
Walpack, Upper			13 70				
Walpack, Lower	14	12 85	12 07	60			
Wawarsing		39 29	95 01				
Classis of Paramus.							
Clarkstown	63	133 45	276 88				
Tappan	5	33 45	32 95				
Acquackanonck	82 25	125	455 10	80 38	40		
Second Totowa	44 50	46 25	229 25				
Paramus	26	150 12	166 25			15 85	19 45
Pascack	22 80	8 59	1 61	8 10			5 50
Saddle River			82 65	10 60			5 25
Ramapo		2					
West New Hempstead	7 74	31 67	36 24				22 38
Warwick	30	69 20	66 24				
Nyack	40 74	171 54	371 46	40 75	48 57	28 22	
Piermont	25	106 91	75 50				
Broadway, Paterson	135 35	54 87	216 38	10 15	20	16 45	34 05
Spring Valley	4 50	11 50	19	15 06			
North Passaic	3 60	31 10	97 60	60 10	21 20	15 20	13
First Holland, Paterson	3 10	3 50	3 70		20		
Second Holland, Paterson							
Holland, Lodi							
Holland, Hohokus							
Holland, Passaic							
Classis of Passaic.							
Boardville	12	10	10	3			
Boonton		26 80					
Fairfield	20		20	15	20		10
Little Falls	19	73 01	70 53	7 37			8 67
Montville	5	45	45	53 82			
Sixth Paterson, Holland				10			
Pompton Plains							
Pompton	49 50	43 75	68 06			22 14	17 36
Ponds		7					
Preakness	13 08	10					
Stone House Plains	15		25				
First Totowa, Paterson	45	23	77 56	11			
Wyckoff	5 55	23 50	49 85	4 75	4 05	4 05	4 75
C. of Philadelphia.							
Harlingen	13	44 25	136				
Readington	70 60	89 05	395 45		28 30	8 30	85 25
Neshanic		112 87	65				35 10
First Philadelphia	41 05		216 39				
Second Philadelphia	1125	32 37	61 79	43 26			
Third Philadelphia			25				
Fourth Philadelphia			60				
Fifth Philadelphia			32				
North and South Hampton		71 58	179 64	5 75	5	6	9

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
C. of Philadelphia.							
CONTINUED.							
Blawenburgh		90 54	220				
Stanton	13 86	10	8				
Rocky Hill		47 65	114 83	10 80	5 03	6 35	4 74
Clover Hill	20	13 50	17 30	17			
Addisville	46 60	56 40	98 22	20 68	20		17 29
Three Bridges			27 25				
C. of Poughkeepsie.							
First Poughkeepsie		74 25	279 36		46 18		
Second Poughkeepsie	46 79	175 49	219 56	43 26	28 07	28 08	
Fishkill		10	105				
Hopewell	21 84	17 20	56 43				16 30
New Hackensack	20	25	40	11 25			5
Rhinebeck	18 20	121 33	218 63				
Fishkill-on-Hudson	182 51	76 88	40	15			17 79
Hyde Park		14 63	48 22	4 64			
Glenham			63 07				
Cold Spring		7	10		5 21		
Millbrook	12 50	48 50	251 07				22 50
Classis of Raritan.							
First Raritan		70 25	60 68				
Bedminster	52	142 75	348 53	102 60			312
Lebanon		82 85	30 75				
Rockaway	15	41 44	133 45	7 50			
North Branch	9 82	30	30 62				
Second Raritan		58 28	248 65				
Peapack		11 66	43 06	2 10			
Branchville	50	12 40	112 72		20		
Third Raritan		113 14	156 48	16 50			13 25
Easton	41 61	62 62	317 40				35 27
Plainfield		18 75		5			
Central Plainfield							
Pottersville	15	18 11	72 69				
High Bridge		27 51	44 30	30			
Clinton Station							
Wilcox							
C. of Rensselaer.							
Blooming Grove	6 15	12 27	10 65	8 12	5 20	5 20	
Castleton	39	54 25	95	32	5	17 50	10
Chatham	17	17 85	102 52	23			
First Ghent	25	15	50	10			40
Second Ghent	6	10	40 17	5			
Greenbush	22 70	42 56	83 67	37 51			
Kinderhook	42 47	198 82	854 64	22 64			82 80
Nassau	48 50	63 23	103 40				
New Concord		10 50	14 75				
Schodack		12	47 50				
Schodack Landing			31				
Stuyvesant	8	9 61	178 87	8	7 74		7 84
Stuyvesant Falls							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Saratoga.							
Boght				10			
Buskirks		60	75				
Cohoes		4 34	8 50	3 78			
Easton			12	30			
Fort Miller							
Gansevoort							
Jackson							
Northumberland							
Rensselaer							
Saratoga		50	55	71 73			
Schaghticoke							
Union Village	20 02		64 44				
Waterford							
West Troy	37 50	41 41	139 90				
West Troy (South)	57 66	93 59	159 91	10 18			
Wynantskill							
C. of Schenectady.							
First Schenectady		32 85	96				
Second Schenectady		52 63	28				
First Glenville	15	120	107 55	9	5	10	17
Second Glenville		15 70	15 37			3 35	1 30
First Rotterdam	12	16	23				7 10
Second Rotterdam							
Helderberg	14	30	35	14		14	
Niskayuna	14 38	29 48	53 46	9 91	13 10		25 91
Lishas' Kill	18 70	21 75	31 87	42 50	21 50		12 50
Amity		22 85	29 15	60			
Princeton		4 37	19 68	10 60			
Cranesville		4 50	4 50				
Classis of Schoharie.							
Schoharie	18 18	100	105 97				3 87
Middleburgh	16 44	5 55	15 82	9	7 30	7 30	150
Gallupville		4	5 98				55
Berne	22 20	47	24 55	10			63
Beaver Dam		18 60					22
Lawyerville							
Schoharie Mountain							
North Blenheim							
Breakabin							24
Sharon		15	10				
Gilboa	2 10						
Eminence							
Classis of Ulster.							
Blue Mountain							
Caatsban	20	28 25	70 25	16 50			
Esopus							
Flatbush	20 25	18 50	63 59	14 15	8	8 25	5 25
First Kingston	330 92	213 02	617 21	97 01	22 28	22 28	75
North Esopus		38 50	27 71				
Plattekill	12 93	17 65	48 75	10 64	7		
Saugerties	233 96	75	609 33				
Shokan	4 25	7 05	12 75				
Shandaken		3	3 50				
West Hurley							
Woodstock	8 65	5	8 50				
Wiltwyck		5 34	66 04				

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
C. of Westchester.							
Bronxville	12 68	82 24	185 35	.....	32 60		
Courtlandtown			16 87				
Fordham			49 66	25			
Greenburg							
Greenville			32				
Hastings	88 70	69 99	80 43	94 30			
Melrose							
Mount Vernon	19 67		106 32	17	21 99	21 99	
Peekskill	5	29 60		.....			14 40
Tarrytown, First	55	80	87 35	.....			17 88
Tarrytown, Second		130	100	30			
Unionville	11 25	20	22 35	35			
West Farms		21 76	53 65				
Yonkers	60	80	375	36	25	19	72
Classis of Wisconsin.							
Alto			38 25				
Bethlehem			27				
Danforth							
Chicago		25	25				
Franklin			49				
Foreston		20 70	34				
Fulton	16 40	16	35				
Gibbsville	6 25	9	35 60				
Greenleaf			16				
Holland, Wis.	8 65		112 65				
High Prairie		26	40	.....			25
Holland, Neb.	5	13 25	25 51	.....			24
Milwaukee		11 37	8				
Oostburg		11	19 40				
Peoria	7 15	15 40					
P. P. and White Rock							
South Holland	15		58	25	5	5	
Silver Creek		72 90	321 06	6 50			
Sheboygan Falls							
Sec. Ref Ch., Neb.							
Two Rivers	2 30	35 09	85 95				

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

The Stated Clerk reported that a double fire-proof room for the Archives of the General Synod had been provided, and will be fitted up by Mr. Sage, in the Gardner A. Sage Library Hall, where the books and papers of the Synod will be deposited as soon as practicable.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Accounts would report, that there are present at the General Synod eighteen delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, who are entitled to traveling expenses by rule of said General Synod:

Four from the Classis of Michigan	...\$21 each..	\$84
Six	" " Illinois 18	" .. 108
Two	" " Holland ... 28	" .. 56
Two	" " Wisconsin .. 32	" .. 64
Four	" " Grand River . 21	" .. 84

\$396

Your Committee recommend the payment of these amounts.

The following bills have been put into the hands of this Committee:

Bill for Stationery	.....	\$8 16
Bill for printing Rolls, &c.	.....	13 75
Doorkeeper's bill	.....	40

\$61 91

Your Committee recommend the payment of these bills.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT DOIG, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1,400 copies of the Minutes of the Synod, and that the price of each copy be printed on the cover.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be returned to the Pastor and Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Jersey City for the use of this church edifice ;

To the ladies, for daily gifts of fragrant and beautifying flowers ;

To the Committee and its efficient Chairman, for the ample arrangements for the generous entertainment of the members of the Synod :

To the families, receiving us so genially into their homes :

To the Committee and the Reformed Churches of Jersey City, for the pleasant reception at Kepler Hall, on the evening of the third day of our session :

To the Young Men's Christian Association of this city, for the offer of their rooms for the use of the members of Synod ;

To the representatives of the press, for their faithful reports of the business of Synod :

And to the citizens generally, for their presence and interest in our deliberations.

And, in return, we leave our earnest benedictions, as we bear away delightful memories of the Christian hospitality and courtesy we have enjoyed.

The Minutes were read and approved. The roll was called.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod resolved to meet in the Second Reformed Church of Kingston, N. Y., on the first Wednesday in June, A.D. 1876, at 3 o'clock P.M., and adjourned, after singing the Doxology, with prayer and the benediction by the President.

CHARLES SCOTT, *President*.

JACOB CHAMBERLAIN, *Adressor*.

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Permanent Clerk*.

H. MARTYN VOORHEES, } *Clerks pro tem.*
CHARLES D. KELLOGG, }

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Presidents of General Synod.

YEAR.	PRESIDENTS.	FROM WHAT STATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1794—	Rev. Wm. Linn	New York.....	Albany, N. Y.
1797—	Rev. Dirck Romeyn.....	"	New York.
1800—	Rev. Ira Condict.....	New Jersey.....	Albany.
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YOUR Board of Education respectfully submits to General Synod, the following Statements with reference to the various interests committed to its care, during the Synodical year, beginning May 1st, 1874, and ending April 30th, 1875.

I. STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

The whole number of students under the care of the Board during the year was seventy-six. Thirty-two have pursued their studies at the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick; twenty-four at Rutgers College; thirteen in the Theological and Academical departments of Hope College; one at the New York University; one at the Howard University; one at Union College; and the remainder at the Grammar School at New Brunswick and other preparatory schools.

Seven finished their Theological studies in May, 1874, and are all engaged in the ministry—one in the Foreign Missionary field, and the rest in pastoral charges at home. The Church has secured the end which she sought in aiding their preparation, and is enjoying the fruits of her seed sown in their proper education.

Before our Report is actually presented to Synod, six more will have finished their preparation and been licensed to preach the Gospel of our Lord, for the publication and exposition of which He has instituted His ministry and called them to their work.

During the year, one of our young men has died; one has left our denomination to apply for licensure among others; one has married, and his aid has been withdrawn.

Fourteen have been received during the year, and one just after its close. Several applicants have been recommended by the Classes, whose cases are under consideration. Aid will be extended to them at as early a date as the proper steps, under the rules appointed by Synod, can be completed, and the Churches shall furnish the means for the Board to assume the responsibilities for their support.

Sixty-five remained under the care of the Board at the close of the year. We are happy to report, that the testimonials of their diligence in study, their consistency of deportment, and the promise of their usefulness in the work of the ministry, have been satisfactory and encouraging.

As far as our work goes, and to the number which we are enabled to furnish as laborers in the Lord's harvest, there have been through the year foundation for gratitude to God, and encouragement for a still higher and more vigorous prosecution of our work. It would be folly for us to say that our Church is doing all that she could. All will readily admit that we ought to do much more. Your Board is heartily prepared to accomplish more, and report far larger numbers of young men coming from the Churches and consecrating themselves to the Lord's service in this highest work for good, for time and for eternity, in which men can engage. We are thankful to report, that the number of applicants before us, by the recommendations of the Classes at their spring meetings, is unusually large for this season of the year. One point to which we ask the attention of Synod and of the Churches is, why these are under consideration, instead of being at once and promptly accepted? They have offered themselves. The Classes have recommended them. So far we may thankfully assume, that the Churches have prayed for laborers, and that God has graciously answered their prayers. They have said: Here are we; send us. He has said: Here they are; send them. At the same time, He has also appointed preparations for sending them. These require the ministration of means which He has put into the hands of Christians. The burden of the question now practically lies here. During the past year, although some had to be necessarily kept waiting until the willingness of the Churches could be known, all were at last provided for, and are on their way of preparation for their work.

We hope that, with a larger number this year, it may be more than repeated, by the Churches enabling the Board to promptly receive all that come properly commended.

The question of the Church's aid to her young candidates for the ministry, to whom God has given gifts and graces, which promise usefulness in her service, is one largely affecting the Christian intelligence and influence of her membership, as well as their liberality of view and action in the advance of the kingdom of Christ. Beyond the mere fact of laboring for men's repentance and conversion, there is a large need of teachers who shall instruct the people in something far beyond these first principles. There is a loud call for instructors, who, by thoroughly expounding the whole counsel of God, shall establish the Churches, that they be not driven about with every wind of doctrine. Disciplined powers of mind and varied learning can never be substituted for hearty and consecrated Christian piety, but they are, nevertheless, of vast importance, and well worth the time and expense of their acquisition. Without any invidious comparison of our work with others of the Church, we may surely claim, that, if there be any point at which there is a call for a cheerful liberality, it is at that of an increased number of carefully trained ministers of the Word of God. Knowledge is power in all branches of life, and it cannot be least so in matters pertaining to the eternal, as well as the temporal interests of men. If the Church will find it to her advantage to be not only liberal but generous in anything, it will be in the encouraging her young men to give themselves to this work, and in aiding them to prosecute it advantageously, not only with whole-hearted, but with whole-handed consecration.

The Church has already lost too much and suffered too much from withholding means to encourage those who are ready to offer themselves for her ministry, and to support decently those who are laboring in her service, to allow it to continue a single year longer. She should pray with an earnest heart for them, and, as God sends them, should meet them with open hands, and account her contributions for them fair opportunities for profitable investment of Christian means. The Christian, using honestly, and in God's service, means which God puts into his hands, as His steward, is investing his Lord's money in its lawful way, and is paid his

interest, when it does good, far more surely than when it comes in the shape of money itself, to his own private use. The Board does but ask, that, with the prayers which seem to be offered and answered, there may be joined a due growth in the presentation of offerings to carry forward this work of the Lord to its highest efficiency.

II. HOPE COLLEGE.

In consequence of the serious sickness of the President, the usual Annual Report of the College, furnished to the Board, has not been received. It will, doubtless, be prepared and forwarded to Synod in time to present a complete statistical view of its interests.

The Board has continued its aid to it to the extent which our funds allowed. During the year, on the request of the President, Rev. Dr. Phelps, a Committee was appointed to confer with the Council of Hope College, with reference to its interests. After conference with the Council, at Holland, their report was presented to the Board, and a copy of it will be herewith transmitted.

We can but reiterate the conviction expressed in former years of its importance, not merely with reference to our own denominational extension, but to the establishment and growth of our Lord's kingdom at the West. It is too late in the day of our country's advance to argue the importance of sound and intelligent Christian knowledge and influence to the rapidly developing Western portion of our country. It is also too late to argue the worth to the Christian believer, and the Church, of something more than his personal salvation and the welfare of the congregation to which he is more immediately attached. God, by His Providence, is opening new views of the relations of different parts of the family of man to each other. The sentiment of even a heathen, though intellectually enlightened, "I am a man; whatever pertains to man concerns me," is receiving enlarged illustration in the advancing growth of religion, more than in that of commerce and government. Contractions of vision under the darkness of ignorance, and the power of selfishness under the influence of jealousy and suspicion, are giving way before the light of knowledge and the warmth of love and confidence. Institutions which are working in distant regions for the advance of the common

welfare are becoming more and more near to those who can aid their work. Especially in a country so peculiar as ours, where they are helping to prepare one great people for doing good to the whole world, is it a matter of interest and moment for those in more favored places to encourage and upbuild them. By its immediate connection with our own Christian life—by its hoped-for influence upon an important portion of our conglomerating nation—by the fruits which it has already borne, in supplying ministers and Christian men of education in other spheres of life to the Western branch of our Church—Hope College deserves, and your Board hopes it will receive, the liberal help of our people who have means, and desire to make them advance the highest welfare of the Church and their fellow-men.

III. PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

Ten Churches have been aided in supporting their Parochial Schools. The rules of Synod, in regard to the character of the schools which should be aided and the teachers employed in them, as well as their relations to the Churches and the oversight of them by Pastors and Consistories, have been carefully observed. Your Board believes them to be, in every respect, such schools as Synod desired in the establishment of the system, and doing just such work as was expected of them.

They report the following statistics :

Number of pupils on the rolls.....	438
“ “ in average attendance.....	371
Amount of aid given by the Board.....	\$750 00
“ raised for them by their own Churches.....	1,065 00
Collections for the Parochial School Fund, in the Churches receiving aid.....	73 65

Whatever may be the general estimate of their worth, or of their advantage to the common welfare, they who enjoy them bear continued testimony of their importance to themselves. They assure us—

“That they could not do without their school; that it is a great help to the Church, and proves as great a blessing as their Sabbath School to many of their children.”

"It has been the means of the hopeful conversion of a number of their scholars. Under existing circumstances, we could entertain no hope of building up a Church without it."

"Infidelity, around us, is an organized power. Our school gives us many an opportunity to become aggressive. Two-thirds of the scholars are children of parents who attend no Church. Besides having the children in school and teaching them the truths of religion, we have opportunities to visit and labor with the parents."

"Often we are asked: What is the use of your school, when we have such good schools around us? Our only answer is, that our system, as a Reformed Church, is largely dependent on it; and that a great many families are not only brought in contact with the Church, but led to the study of the Bible. We are convinced that, in places like this, we ought not to do away with them, but establish and maintain them."

With testimony like this, the Board has rejoiced to avail itself of the opportunities which could be secured to establish and foster these schools. Could our Churches be persuaded to adopt more generally these helps to their Church growth, we would heartily endeavor to extend our aid and co-operation. While, under the generally extended plea of the peculiar relations of our people to the Common School system, but few establish distinctly Parochial Schools, we can only avail ourselves of what field we have, and be content to do what we can, with prayer for God's blessing on whatever it may be.

IV. FUNDS.

The receipts of the Board for the year, from Church collections and individual donations, exclusive of interest on invested funds, have been \$12,615 93. Besides this amount, \$5,833 have been paid, in accordance with the anticipation expressed in our last report by Mr. Jacob Wyckoff, executor of the estate of the late Mr. John V. L. Van Doren, of the Church of Middlebush, N. J. The principal is to be invested, and the income used for the support of young men under the care of the Board. It has already been invested, by the Finance Committee, on bond and mortgage on

property in the City of New York amply securing its safety. It has been styled, after the name of the donor, "The John V. L. Van Doren Fund."

Another amount, of \$5,000, has been devised to the Board, by Miss Elizabeth R. Duryee, of Brooklyn, whose estate is in process of settlement.

We are thankful to be able to report, that the amount of our indebtedness is not increased, but somewhat diminished; although not to the extent which we desired, or hoped. It is about \$700 less than at the opening of the year, with the work of the year all accomplished and paid for.

For the coming year, the more than usual number of young men recommended to us by the Classes betokens the need of a considerable advance in the regularity and liberality with which the Churches and individual friends remember and aid these interests.

V. MEMBERSHIP.

The terms of the following members expire this year, and their places are to be filled by Synod's election:

Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.,	Mr. S. B. Schieffelin,
" C. H. Stitt, D.D.,	" R. N. Perlee,
" D. Cole, D.D.,	" John Dorrance,
" J. Elmendorf, D.D.,	" Henry Bergen.

The foregoing Report was adopted by the Board, at its session, May 11th, 1875, and ordered to be forwarded to General Synod.

JOHN L. SEE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF R. C. A.

Dr.

Paid Students at New Brunswick, etc.	\$8,839 37
“ “ Hope College.....	1,894
“ Aid to Hope College.....	3,200
“ Salary of Corresponding Secretary.....	3,000
“ Appropriations for Parochial Schools.....	750
“ Expenses.....	2,008 10
“ Loans.....	9,300
“ Interest.....	256 86
“ on Special Account.....	6,441 03
“ Hope College Interest on Endowment.....	886 57
Balance in the Treasury	37 97
	<hr/> \$36,613 90

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By Balance as per last report	\$931 91
Receipts for Education Funds.....	11,762 28
“ Parochial Schools.....	73 65
Interest on Education Funds.....	6,482 09
“ Parochial School Funds.....	724 40
“ Hope College Funds.....	886 57
“ Bond and Mortgage... ..	840
Cash from Loans.....	8,300
“ on Special Account, including \$5,833, a Be quest of John V. L. Van Doren, deceased,	6,613
	<hr/> \$36,613 90
Invested on Bond and Mortgage.....	\$17,658
Amount of Security Fund	2,200
“ Debt.....	6,500

F. J. HOSFORD, *Treasurer.*

This is to certify, that we have, this 7th day of May, 1875, examined the accounts of F. J. Hosford, Treasurer of the Board of Education, and find a balance in the Treasury on the 1st inst. of thirty-seven 97-100 dollars, and that the accounts have been correctly kept.

JOHN D. PRINCE, }
JOHN LEFFERTS, } *Committee.*

THE
FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
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OF THE
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PRESENTED TO THE
GENERAL SYNOD,
AT
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TABULAR STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND RESULTS.

Churches and Missions aided	91
" " at the East.....	49
Missionaries at the East	42
Churches and Missions aided at the West.....	40
Missionaries at the West	34
Number of Missionaries employed	76
" Families....	5,035
" Members	5,964
" received on Confession	742
" " Certificate	310
Whole number of Sabbath schools reported.....	97
" " organized.....	17
" conversions reported	131
" Scholars, average attendance.....	7,587
" Church buildings finished and in process of completion.....	21
Contributions to the Board of Domestic Missions.....	\$1,043
" by the Missions to other benevolent ob- jects.....	\$3,536
Whole amount received into the Treasury	\$46,133 73

REPORT.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

Your Board of Domestic Missions respectfully begs leave to present to the General Synod the Forty-third Annual Report of its operations.

The loving kindness of our God has brought us successfully through an eventful year; and we praise His name with devout hearts.

A year of straits and difficulties resulting from pecuniary stringency always affects this Board deeply in the conduct of its appointed work. Those who are dependent *need* more aid; and those who contribute have less to give. The mission of your Board is to the poor and to the weak, and to a very large degree, to the laboring classes. To these, the year just closed has been a peculiarly trying one. The financial shrinkage has gone on until it has reached the hewer of wood in the forest, the worker in the mines, and the artizan in the workshop. And all the resources of the Mission have been absorbed in the effort "to keep the wolf from the door" among the people, instead of enlarging the Pastor's support and providing a sanctuary for worship; making it impossible to reduce to any degree the amount of aid extended; while the same agencies have diminished, with rare exceptions the contributions we have received. Still, in obedience to the commission which the General Synod has given us, and in the spirit which characterizes our Church, we have sent your Christian salutations to the sufferers and aided the needy, until we have reached results which are wonderful even to ourselves. We find that we have sustained a larger number of missions, and aided a larger number of Missionaries with less financial strain than for many years past. We have provided the Gospel for 5,035 families, and afforded the means of Grace to 5,964 members of

Churches. We have received on confession of their faith 742 souls, and gathered into the fold 310 by certificate. There have been 17 new Sabbath schools established, and a total of 97 schools conducted, with an average attendance of 7,587 scholars. And there have been 131 conversions reported as the fruits of these labors.

So that in every respect, except in the fact that the four self-sustaining Churches reported last year took from our list more members than we received in the feeble substitutes, we have done in every other respect a larger work, with better results than we have in many years. We have aided 91 Missions, 11 more than last year; we have brought the ministry of reconciliation to 864 more families; we have received 18 more into the communion of the Church, established 8 more new schools, and have had 27 more conversions reported.

Of these efforts, 49 Missions and 42 Missionaries are at the East, 40 Missions and 34 Missionaries are at the West, and 2 at the South.

REVIVALS.

Your Board report the remarkable fact that in all this advance along the whole line we believe there is not one Church or Mission which reports a revival. It is rather the steady, regular growth of the Church, the daily adding "of such as shall be saved," than any marked or especial outpouring of the Spirit. Several have reported the awakened expectation of the Church; others have hailed the first drops of the mighty shower of blessing. But from the one end of our field to the other the long, earnest, heart-felt cry is "O Lord, revive the work." The tone of all the reports is remarkably urgent and expectant. And upon the review of the work of the year, both in the gratifying results reached and in the means provided, we feel that your Board has enjoyed the favor of God and the unabated confidence and sympathy of His people.

SELF-SUSTAINING CHURCHES.

The effort to become self-supporting has been as strongly urged upon the Churches as was consistent with true christian sympathy. And we believe the effort to reach that point on the part of the Churches has been very earnest. But the prostration of business,

so long continued and so persistent, has fallen with peculiar hardship upon our Mission Churches. The long expected boon of being able to help themselves and to help others must be deferred to another year.

But one Church—Second Hudson City, N. J.—has intimated its purpose to assume its own support after the present appropriation expires.

THE TREASURY.

The Treasurer reports that the sum of contributions received into the Treasury this year is \$23,732 90; and from Legacies \$22,400 83; balance from old account 639 89, making a total of \$46,773 62.

The total expenditures have been \$35,133 73, leaving a balance in this fund of \$11,696 10. This balance made it possible for your Board to accomplish two very important objects. The one was to enable us to carry the very large indebtedness in the Church Building Fund, and save several of our Churches from disaster; and the other was to refrain from making any special effort while your Board of Foreign Missions was so seriously embarrassed.

So that we have, to this extent, the simple spontaneous expression of the Church toward the maintenance of the work of this Board.

One fact will doubtless impress itself upon the Synod. It is that in some way the contributions to this Board ought to be increased. That if our Churches could adopt the plan of monthly or quarterly contributions, a larger amount would be raised in the aggregate with less difficulty. And the Pastor would not have the mortification of finding that some incident on the day of the Annual Collection had left his Church on the Tabular Statement for almost a blank. We commend this to the consideration of the Synod.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

We present the following Tabular view of our work, conveying, we believe, all the information not already in possession of the Synod which can be presented without exceeding the proper limits of this Report.

Churches and Missions under the care of the Board of Domestic Missions, for the year ending April

30th, 1875. *Eastern Department.*

CHURCHES AND MISSIONS.	MINISTERS.										PROBABILITIES OF BECOMING SELF-SUSTAINING.			
	When Organized.	No. of Families.	Salary Raised.	Church Building.	Parsonage.	Probable Value.	Amount of Land.	Distance from Reformed Church.	Distance from any other Evangelical Church.					
Albany, Holland, N. Y.	1859	83	\$800	Yes.	Yes.	\$13,000	2 Lots.	Vicinity.	Vicinity.	New Organization.				
Third Bayonne, N. J.	1874	56	300	"	No.	12,000	2 Lots.	Vicinity.	Vicinity.					
Boonton, N. J.	1868	60	500	"	No.			2 Miles.	Vicinity.					
Brookfield, Conn.	1869	40	300	"	Yes.	2,500		70 Miles.	Vicinity.					
Cato, N. Y.	1861	48	450	"	Yes.	1,200	$\frac{1}{2}$ Acre.	12 Miles.	Vicinity.					
Central Ave., Jersey City Heights.	1872	29	700	No.	No.			1 Mile.	Vicinity.					
Clymer Village, N. Y.	1871	40		Yes.	No.			2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles.	Vicinity.					
Easton.	1803	37	354	"	No.			7 Miles.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile.					
Far Haven, N. Y.	1847	52	500	"	Yes.	2,000	2 Lots	14 Miles.	Vicinity.					
Fert Lee, N. J.	1874	40	250	"	No.		4 Lots	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles.	Vicinity.					
Fourth German, New York.	1857	54	600	"	No.			6 Blocks.	Vicinity.					
Grahamville, N. Y.	1844	50		"	Yes.			8 Miles.	Vicinity.					
Guttenburgh.	1872	50	200	"	No.			1 Mile.	Vicinity.					
Third Hackensack.	1858	65	400	"	Yes.	2,500	1 Lot.	1 Mile.	Vicinity.	New Organization.				
Highlands.	1875	27	60	"	No.			7 Miles.	3 Miles.	Self-sustaining.				
First Hoboken.	1850	25		"	Yes.				Vicinity.					
Holland, New York City.	1866	92	393	No.	No.									
First Holland, Paterson, N. J.	1864	88	492	Yes.	Yes.	2,000	1 Lot.	Vicinity.	Vicinity.	Self-sustaining.				
Second Hudson City	1839	65	400	"	No.			5 Blocks.	8 Blocks.					
Huguenots, S. I.	1850	40	200	"	No.		2 Acres.	4 Miles.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile.					
Kerhonkson, N. Y.	1854	70	400	"	Yes.	2,000	$\frac{1}{2}$ Acre.	3 Miles.	Vicinity.					
Keyport, N. J.	1849	55	1050	"	Yes.	5,000	1 Block.	6 Miles.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile.					
Laurel Hill, L. I.	1874	35	600	"	No.		3 Lots.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles.	New Organization.				
Long Island City.	1875	30		"	No.			1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles.	Vicinity.	New Organization.				
Loti, N. J.	1860	29	400	"	No.			4 Miles.	Vicinity.					
Locust Valley, L. I.	1871	54	700	"	No.				Vicinity.					

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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30th, 1875. Western Department.

REPORT ON

CHURCHES AND MISSIONS.	MINISTERS.	When Organized.	No. of Families.	Salary Raised.	Church Building.	Parsonage.	Probable Value.	Amount of Land.	Distance from any other Reformed Church.	Distance from any other Evangelical Church.	PROBABILITIES OF BECOMING SELF-SUSTAINING.
Beaver Dam, Mich.	J. Brock.	1870	67	\$300	Yes.	Yes.	\$800	1½ Acre	3½ Miles.	8. Miles.	
*Bethel, Iowa	Vacant.	1866	40	.....	Yes.	Yes.	1,000	1 Acre.	5 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Bushnell, Ill.	G. D. W. Bodine.	1856	52	650	Yes.	Yes.	1,800	12 Lots.	18 Miles.	Vicinity.	
First Chicago, Ill.	B. DeBey.	1851	210	1,200	Yes.	Yes.	4,500	8 Lots.	10 Miles.	5 Miles.	
Danforth, Ill.	L. J. Hulst.	1869	82	350	Yes.	Yes.	.....	7 Acres.	100 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Davenport, Iowa.	Henry E. Decker.	1859	50	800	Yes.	No.	.....	.....	50 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Detroit, Mich.	Henry K. Boer.	1872	33	250	begun	No.	800	2 Lots	12 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Foreston, Ill.	F. E. Schlieder.	1865	54	562	Yes.	Yes.	800	1 Lot.	50 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Fulton, Ill.	J. V. D. Meulen.	1866	66	487	Yes.	Yes.	1,000	3 Acres.	6 Miles.	8 Miles.	
Fynnaart, Mich.	James F. Zwemer.	1863	42	250	Yes.	Yes.	1,000	1 Acre.	4 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Graatschap, Mich.	William VanderKley.	1857	65	412	Yes.	Yes.	8,000	3 Lots.	7 Miles.	12 Miles.	
First Grand Rapids, Mich.	P. Moerdyk.	1860	52	400	Yes.	Yes.	1,000	1 Acre.	7 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Grandville, Mich.	W. P. DeJong.	1871	60	300	Yes.	Yes.	1,600	10 Acres	200 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Greenleafston, Minn.	P. Lepeltak.	1867	93	525	Yes.	Yes.	.....	.....	80 Miles.	Vicinity.	
*Hamilton, Mich.	Vacant.	1871	50	155	Yes.	No.	1,600	10 Acres	10 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Havana, Ill.	George Siebert.	1865	30	980	Yes.	Yes.	2,000	1 Lot.	2½ Miles.	3 Miles.	
Holland, Neb.	J. W. TeWinkle.	1870	65	980	Yes.	Yes.	300	1 Acre.	4 Miles.	5 Miles.	
Hope, Mich.	Abel T. Stewart.	1862	40	300	Yes.	No.	2,500	4 Acres.	7½ Miles.	Vicinity.	
Loy Len Centre, Ill.	H. H. Johnson.	1865	20	205	Yes.	No.	1,000	3 Acres.	5 Miles.	40 Miles.	
Macon, Mich.	John A. DeSpelder.	1849	42	300	No.	Yes.	2,000	3 Acres.	25 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Macon, South, Mich.	John A. DeSpelder.	1863	32	200	Yes.	Yes.	2,000	3 Acres.	25 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Norris, Ill.	A. J. Beckman.	1868	25	200	Yes.	No.	2,000	3 Acres.	25 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Norwood Park, Ill.	A. V. Gulick.	1870	26	600	Yes.	Yes.	1,000	3 Acres.	25 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Oostburgh, Wis.	John Hoffman.	1852	36	650	Yes.	Yes.	2,000	3 Acres.	25 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Orange City, Iowa	S. Bolks.	1871	225	248	Yes.	Yes.	2,000	3 Acres.	25 Miles.	Vicinity.	
Paine's Point and White Rock	L. Watermilder.	1873	85	250	Yes.	Yes.	2,000	3 Acres.	25 Miles.	Vicinity.	Built Church.

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CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

As has been intimated, this Fund is largely in debt.

The expectation of "the first \$100,000 of the \$1,000,000," necessitated the conditional promise of aid to the amount of \$15,000. The promise to your Board was not fulfilled. But, to save the Churches from ruin, the Board has been compelled to borrow the amount needed.

We commenced the year with an indebtedness of \$14,047 30, which has increased by advances made to rescue Churches, and by amounts due special objects, to about \$17,000.

The total amount contributed to this Fund for all objects is \$7,921 92. Of this sum, one generous donor has alone given \$3,200—almost one-half—to special objects; an example of Christian liberality and of enlightened appreciation of the importance of this work, which deserves the warmest thanks of this Synod.

At the present rate of income for this Fund, years must elapse before appropriations can be made to needy Churches.

We submit to the Synod, whether this important part of the work of Church Extension should thus be launched upon an ocean, without oars or sails, to drift helplessly before wind and tide!

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

During the year past, six new Churches have been organized. They are: Laurel Hill, L. I.; Long Island City, L. I.; Highlands, N. J.; Third Bayonne, N. J.; Fort Lee, N. J.; and Parkersburgh, Iowa.

Others are upon the point of being organized, and will be, before this meeting of the Synod occurs, but not in time for this report.

NEW UNDERTAKINGS.

The Board, with the concurrence of the Classis of Paramus, has established a Mission of great promise at *Ridgewood, N. J.* It will have been organized into a Church before this Report is presented. It is but one of the many instances in which the Board has invoked the aid of the Committees of Church Extension in our Classes.

If the duty we owe to the whole Church could be made the rule, and Committees of Church Extension could induce individual con-

gregations to foster their outlying neighborhoods into Churches, there would be an immense increase of strength, and, probably, twenty Churches would be added every year; many of whom are now lost.

Laurel Hill, L. I., and Long Island City, L. I., are both new enterprises; and, being within practicable distance, are made a joint charge. A new enterprise has also been commenced at *Fort Lee, N. J.* The progress made is of the most encouraging nature.

Parkersburgh, Iowa—a new undertaking in the fullest sense—has built a church edifice and parsonage, and gathered a congregation. The enterprise is exhibiting remarkable vigor.

Paine's Point and White Rock, Ill., has had a nominal existence for some years, but has now settled the first pastor, and is rapidly growing.

The Second Church of Pekin, Ill., has been organized within the past year, and is an enterprise full of hope and promise; but your Board has not been in a condition to extend to it the needed aid.

CHURCH BUILDINGS BEGUN AND COMPLETED.

Among the Missions under the care of your Board, 21 church edifices have been erected, of which the larger number are completed. And, under the foregoing untoward circumstances, the Board has been constrained to grant aid to six others in paying interest on indebtedness. They are as follows: Passaic, N. J.; Highlands, N. J.; Somerset, Kansas; Third Holland, Mich.; Paine's Point and White Rock, Ill.; Beaverdam, Mich.; Parkersburgh, Iowa; Rotterdam, Kansas; Holland, Neb., (by two ladies;) New Bremen, N. Y.; Hope Church, Mich.; Chapel at South Bend, Ind.; Irving Park, Ill.; Pultneyville, N. Y.; Ramapo, N. J.; Jericho, L. I.; Rockville Centre, L. I. Detroit, Mich.; Orange City, Iowa; begun. Fynaart and Saugatuck, Mich., enlarged. Of the last four Churches, two have received the means to build, and two to make a needed enlargement, from a devout Christian lady in this city, whose name is in every form withheld, but whose generous kindness will be held "in everlasting remembrance."

REMOVALS AND CHANGES.

Rev. R. Wells, D.D., has resigned the charge of the Church at Brookfield, Conn. A successor has not yet been appointed.

Rev. J. H. Sinclair has relinquished the charge at Richmond, S. I. The Church will probably be supplied by becoming a joint charge with the Church of the Huguenots. The Rev. C. D. Buck has dissolved his relations with the First Church of Hoboken, N. J. The Rev. Charles Parker is his successor.

The Rev. George Saul has resigned from the Pastorate of the Third Church of Hackensack, N. J. The Rev. Herman Rieke succeeds him. Rev. John Vander Meulen has been called from the Church of Fulton, Ill., to Jamestown, Mich. Fulton is not yet supplied.

Rev. R. Duiker has been called from the Church of Danforth, Ill. Rev. L. J. Hulst succeeds him. Rev. John Hart has been called from Locust Valley, L. I., to Neshanic, N. J. His place will soon be supplied.

Rev. A. G. Lansing has been called from the Church of Norris, Ill., to the Church of Irving Park, Ill. The Rev. A. J. Beekman was called to succeed him, who has in turn been compelled to resign, in consequence of the ill health of his wife.

Rev. Peter B. Crolius has resigned the charge at Guttenburgh, N. J. Rev. Peter Q. Wilson has been appointed in his place.

Rev. George L. Wolfe has relinquished the charge of Central Avenue Church, on Jersey City Heights. The place is likely soon to be supplied.

The Rev. A. K. Kasse, after an earnest and faithful ministry with the Second Holland Church of Paterson, N. J., has been called to his heavenly rest.

The Rev. F. W. Betz has been settled over the Church of Lodi, N. J.

The Rev. John DuBois was called from the Church of Kerhonkson, N. Y., to Cuddebackville, N. Y. No successor has yet been chosen.

The Rev. Jacob Weber has been called from the Church of Mina Corners, N. Y., to West Leyden, N. Y. His place has not yet been supplied.

The Rev. Henry V. S. Myers has been called to the South Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., and is meeting with great encouragement.

The Rev. J. Howard Van Doren has been called to the Church at Cato, N. Y.

Rev. G. D. W. Bodine has accepted the charge at Bushnell, Ill.

Rev. D. Broek has been called from Saugatuck, Mich., to Cleveland, Ohio. His successor has not yet been designated.

The Rev. William D. Perry has been settled over the joint charge of Laurel Hill and Long Island City, L. I.

The Rev. H. Schnellendruessler has been settled over the German Church of Plainfield, N. J.

The Rev. G. W. Lendau has resigned the charge of 3d Bayonne, and Rev. G. B. Schick is appointed his successor.

Rev. J. B. De Beer has been called to the new Church at Parkersburgh, Iowa.

Rev. L. Watermuelder has been settled of the Church of Paine's Point and White Rock, Ill.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We present the following encouraging report from the Western Missionary Sunday school Superintendent. It embraces the Particular Synod of Chicago :

SOUTH BEND, IND., May 7th, 1875.

To the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America :

Dear Brethren—Bearing in mind your request for brevity, I take pleasure in presenting to you the following condensation of Sabbath school reports from our Western Synod for 1875, and comparison with the statistics of my first report in 1872 :

	1872.	1875.	Gain.
Churches with Sunday schools.	47	61	14
Officers and Teachers.....	821	993	172
Scholars enrolled.....	5,651	8,288	2,637
Total enrollment.....	6,472	9,821	2,809
Average attendance	4,619	6,974	2,355

This shows a gain of 29.8 per cent. in Churches with Sabbath schools; of 20.9 per cent. in officers and teachers; of 46.9 in scholars enrolled; of 43.3 per cent. in total enrollment; and of 50.9 per cent. in average attendance; thus exhibiting an average advance of 38.3 per cent. along the whole line. The receptions into Churches from Sunday schools also show an advance of 28.8 per cent.

Surely all this is enough to make us "thank God and take courage."

All which is respectfully submitted,

N. D. WILLIAMSON, *W. M. S. S. Supt.*

Rev. J. WEST, D. D.

This hopeful condition of things in our Sabbath school department is doubtless equally applicable to the Eastern Synods, but the desire to keep this Report within manageable bounds as to length prevents extended statistics.

CONCLUSION.

Upon a review of the year's work, and the results reached, so far as we can know them on earth, your Board feels that it has had the approbation of God and of His people. That it has borne your Christian benedictions to the stranger and the solitary one, and that it is the will of the church that we should go forward in our work.

The term of service of the following members expires June 1875:

Rev. Isaac Riley,
 " R. H. Steele, D.D.,
 " E. P. Ingersoll,
 " E. W. Bentley,

Hon. John W. Fardon,
 " Robert H. Pruyn,
 " John Lyon,
 Mr. John P. Hardenbergh.

Approved and ordered to be printed,

J. WEST, *Cor. Sec.*

New York, May 13, 1875.

*The Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in
America, in account with JOHN R. SMITH Treasurer.*

Dr.

April 30th, 1875.

To Cash payments to Missionaries, as per appropriations	29,769 10	
Cash payments for Removal Expenses of Missionaries.....	361	
	<hr/>	\$30,130 10
Salary Corresponding Secretary.....	3,000	
Expenses including office rent, fuel, printing circulars, postages, office and traveling expenses of Secretary.....	870 28	
Traveling expenses of Member.....	71 50	
Board of Publication, on old account for Merchandise, &c.....	500	
Expenses of Recording Secretary, stationery and postage.....	6	
Interest on loans.....	199 64	
Pennsylvania State tax on Legacy.....	50	
Treasurer for postage stamps, stationery, and allowance for clerk hire, proportion.....	250	
	<hr/>	4,947 42
Balance to new account.....		11,696 10
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		\$46,773 62

Cr.

May 1st, 1874. By balance from old account.....		\$639 89
April 30th, 1875. By cash as follows, viz:		
from Churches.....	17,986 48	
from Sunday-schools.....	2,675 89	
from Individuals.....	3,070 53	
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Total contributions.....	23,732 90	
By Cash from Legacies.....	22,400 83	
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Total income.....		46,133 73
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		\$46,773 62

JOHN R. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1875.

Examined, and found correct,

S. B. STEWART, }
JOHN P. HARDENBERGH, } Committee.

The Church Building Fund of the Reformed Church in America
in account with JOHN R. SMITH, Treasurer.

Dr.

May 1st, 1874. To balance as per old account.....	\$9,047 30
April 30 1875. To Loans to Churches as follows:	
Irving Park, Ill., 2,000; Jericho, L. I., 1,000; Pultneyville, N. Y., 1,000; Somerset, Kansas, 65 13; Highlands, N. J., 150; Second Chicago, Ill., 250; Orange City, Iowa, 2,500; Davenport, Iowa, 1,000; Saugatuck, Mich., 700; Rockville Centre, N. Y., 823 14; Shawangunk, N. Y., 29 53; Third Holland, Michigan, 194 61; "Fynard" Church, East Saugatuck, Mich., 100; First Church, Detroit, Mich., 700; Ramapo, N. Y., 802.....	11,314 41
To Churches for Interest on Mortgages:	
Jericho, L. I., \$38 69; South Church, New Haven, 1,122 21; Second Church, Chicago, Ill., 879 25; Shawangunk, N. Y., 350; Jersey City Heights, N. J., 560; Annandale, N. J., (Clinton Station,) 245.....	3,195 15
To Insurance:—South Church, New Haven, 102 30; Alexandria Bay, N. Y., 8 75	111 05
To Interest, being discounts at Bank, &c., on loans	1,131 72
To Expenses:—Circulars, Postage, "Appeals," &c., 32 56; Treasurer for stamps, postages, proportion of allowance for clerk, &c., 250	282 56
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	\$25,082 19

Cr.

April 30th, 1875. By Receipts as follows:—From Churches and Sabbath schools, 4,024 76; from Individuals, 3,791.....	\$7,815 76
MEM. viz:—For special objects, 5,541 88; for general purposes 2,273 88	7,815 76
By Cash from John I. Brower, Treasurer General Synod, Copyright fees from sale of "Hymns of the Church,"	106 16
By net proceeds of the sale of the South Church, New Haven, Bills receivable 10,000; Cash, 542 50.....	10,542 50
MEM.:—Cr. South Church sold for 40,000; balance in adjustment 1 25	40,001 25
Dr. Mortgage and expenses.....	29,458 75
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	10,542 50

Total receipts	18,464 42
By Balance to new account.....	6,617 77
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	\$25,082 19

INDEBTEDNESS:—Balance as above.....	6,617 77
Unpaid Special gifts.....	2,734 47
Notes of purchaser of South Church for 1, 1½, and 2 years.....	7,500
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Deficiency on cash account.....	\$16,852 24

New York, May 1st, 1875.

JOHN R. SMITH, Treasurer.

Examined, and found correct,

S. B. STEWART, }
JOHN P. HARDENBERGH, } Committee.

THE

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Foreign Missions,

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,

AND

EIGHTEENTH OF SEPARATE ACTION,

WITH THE

Treasurer's Tabular and Summary Report of Receipts,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1875.

NEW YORK:

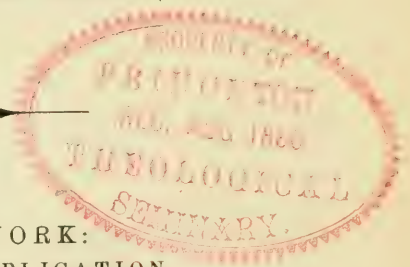
BOARD OF PUBLICATION

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,

34 VESEY STREET, CORNER OF CHURCH.

1875.



REPORT.

The Board of Foreign Missions respectfully presents to the General Synod the following Report of the forty-third year of its existence, and seventeenth year of its separate and independent action :

I. HOME DEPARTMENT.

1. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

At the first meeting of the Board the death of the Rev Thomas De Witt, D.D., was announced, and the following minute was adopted and placed on the records : Whereas it has pleased God, our Heavenly Father, to take from our earthly fellowship our venerated and beloved father, Thomas De Witt, D.D., the Board desire to put on record their sense of his precious worth, his holy devotion, his sound wisdom, and his life long fidelity to the Foreign Missionary work of our Church. His membership of this Board dates from its organization in 1832. For many years of the more active period of his life he filled the office of its Corresponding Secretary. During the later years of his life he was its honored President. The remembrance of his pure life, devoted to Christ in the work of His Church, will linger with us so long as the power of memory remains. We bless God that He spared His faithful servant so long, and that when he took him away it was as a shock of corn cometh in its season. And we humbly pray that the power of his example in faith and holiness and a double portion of his spirit may rest upon us. The Rev. David Inglis, LL.D., was elected to fill the place of Rev. Dr. De Witt.

At the April meeting of the Board, the Treasurer, Gamaliel G. Smith, Esq., who had served as Treasurer with great faithfulness and zeal for thirteen years, through a period of most trying finan

cial difficulties and embarrassments, resigned his office, being about to spend a year in Europe. A. V. W. Van Vechten, Esq., was elected to fill his place.

No other changes have occurred in the membership.

2. AGENCIES EMPLOYED.

For some months past the Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., has delivered upon the Sabbaths and frequently during the week, addresses portraying the nature and success of our work in India.

The correspondence of the Missions, so far as it has been of general interest, has been published as heretofore in the columns of the *Christian Intelligencer* and *Sower and Gospel Field*.

Two financial circulars have been published during the year, and three or four documents in relation to the formation of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church. One missionary letter, lithographed in fac simile, has been printed and sent to all the Sabbath Schools of the Church.

Nearly two hundred Family Missionary Boxes have been granted to applicants, making the whole number sent out thus far three thousand six hundred and fifty.

3. RE-ENFORCEMENTS.

The Rev. John H. Wyckoff, whose appointment was announced in our last report, sailed for the Arcot field, in India, in November, and arrived at Vellore in January.

Henry Martyn Scudder, Jr., M.D., was commissioned as a Medical Missionary, to be connected with the Arcot Mission, on the 18th day of June, 1874, and sailed for India in August, arriving at Vellore in November, having devoted one month on the way to the hospitals of London.

Miss Emma C. Witbeck was appointed an Assistant Missionary, on the 18th day of June, 1874, and departed for Japan in October, reaching Yokohama during the following month.

It is very important that our force of Missionaries at Amoy and at Yokohama should be increased. The number of Missionaries at Amoy is reduced to three, while the opportunities to enlarge the boundaries of the mission field are steadily increasing. A large district inhabited by not less than a million of men is before us, is

fairly open to our brethren, but remains almost unvisited. By the providence and grace of God the Mission has been led to the very border of this inviting field, but has been unable to go over and occupy the territory in the name of our Lord and the Church.

At Yokohama, Japan, the blessing of God has so increased the work to be done that it far exceeds the ability of our two brethren there to overtake it. The health of Rev. Dr. Brown has been seriously impaired, and the larger portion of labor rests of necessity upon the Rev. Mr. Ballagh.

The Arcot Mission is also restricted by the want of men qualified for its service.

Students in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick have offered themselves to the Board, and are waiting to be sent to the help of the Missions. The Board has been so straitened by the smallness of its income that it has not felt itself authorized to appoint any additional Missionaries.

II. SURVEY OF THE MISSIONS.

1. THE AMOY MISSION, CHINA.

(Organized in 1844.)

The Mission occupies the following cities: Amoy, population 200,000; Chioh-be, population 60,000; Chiang-chiu, population 60,000; and Tong an, population 60,000. The territory traversed by the Missionaries and native helpers, being between 50 and 60 miles in length and from 7 to 14 miles in breadth, has a population of more than three millions of souls, including that of the cities already mentioned.

The Missionary force consists of—

Missionaries.—Revs. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D.; Daniel Rapalje, and Leonard W. Kip.

Assistant Missionaries.—Mrs. Talmage; Mrs. Helen M. Kip; Miss Helen Van Doren; Miss Mary E. Talmage.

Native Pastors 3; *other native preachers* 10; *Theological students* 4.

AMOI MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA AND THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

Statistics for 1874.

CHURCHES.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Died.	Excommunicated.	Members Dec. 31st, 1874.	Under Suspension.	Infant Baptisms.	Boys in School.	Girls in School.	Contributions, (for Chinese year ending Feb. 17, 1874.)
First Amoy.....	3			8		89	2	5	15	4	\$323 19
Second ".....	4		1	3		126	4	4	27	35	305 88
Chioh-be ¹	1			4	1	89	15	2	10		119 99
O kang ¹	4	2		1	1	48	2	1			29 09
Hong-san ¹	3			3		73	2	2			102 36
Tong-an.....			1	1	2	44	8	5			21 74
Chiang-chiu ²	4					66	1	7			63 50
Total, Am. Ref. Mission... ..	19	2	2	20	4	535	40	20	52	39	\$965 75
Peh-chui-ia ⁵	17	3		1	1	94	1	12			
Ma-peng ³	14			4	4	162	22	11			
Khi-boey.....	2			1		46	7	4			
Kio-lai ¹	21			3	2	78					
Liong-bun-si ¹	4		2	1	1	49	2				
E-mung-kang.....	1			2		27	5	6			
An-hai ²	2	3		1	5	87	5				
Chin-chew.....	2				1	28	4				
Total, Eng. Pres. Mission.....	63	6	2	13	14	571	46	33			
Total, both Missions.....	82	8	4	33	18	1106	86	53			

¹Has two preaching places.

²Has three " "

³Has five " "

The Rev. Daniel Rapalje reports on behalf of the Mission, as follows:

I send our statistics for 1874. There have not been many additions to the Churches. We think that the Gospel has been earnestly preached, but the outward results have been meagre. The fact

that our Mission is standing still, and perhaps going backward, should stir us up to earnest prayers for God's blessing. He has shown us how helpless we are when that blessing is withdrawn.

We report 3 Native Pastors, (settled respectively over the 1st and 2nd Churches of Amoy and the Church at Chioh-be); ten other preachers; 4 Christian School-teachers, and 4 Theological Students. One of our two licentiates, a man of much promise, died August 9th, of consumption.

In material things some progress has perhaps been made. The new Chapels at Chiang-chiu and Te-soa have been completed, and the one at Chha-thau-po is nearly finished. The Te-soa congregation contributed a good share of the sum used in putting up their building. At Chiang-chiu and Chha-thau-po the most of the money used has been from the Mission treasury.

The "Plymouth Brethren" have opened a preaching place at Chioh-be, and some of our people have left us and gone to them, but our numbers have not been much reduced on this account.

We continue to carry on our work in the same way as in former years. We do much the larger part of our preaching at the Chapels, in connection with regular Sabbath services. We have little time for street preaching. Occasionally, however, in going to or returning from the out-stations, we have good opportunities for preaching by the way-side.

Dr. Talmage and Mr. Kip teach the Theological Students, and are preparing books for their use.

The ladies of the Mission hold meetings with the women and have the charge of the Girls' School. They are doing a most useful work, which would have to be left undone if they were not here.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Miss Helen M. Van Doren writes:

The school at Tek-chhiu kha opened on Monday, February 22nd after a vacation of four weeks. I send an account of its work during the past year.

This is the only school for girls in Amoy. Among its pupils we have representatives from the four Churches in the city, and a number from the country stations. The school during the past year

was well attended, thirty girls being present the greater part of the time. Of these, fifteen—mostly the larger girls, were boarders; the others, being younger, were allowed to walk through the streets, and thus could attend as day scholars.

The widow of Pastor Lo was engaged at the beginning of the year to act as Matron and assist in teaching the smaller children. My teacher, Liong-lo, has spent four afternoons of every week at the school, teaching the girls to read and write the Chinese characters. In this instruction is given in the Scriptures. The more advanced pupils requested that they might be allowed to read some of the Chinese books, but it was thought best that the Bible be made *the* important study of the school. Besides this study of the character, instruction is given in the Romanized colloquial. In this they prepare Bible lessons, and are taught geography, arithmetic, reading and writing. The larger girls are reading the Pilgrim's Progress, and enjoy it very much. They have committed to memory all the Parables of our Saviour, and when school closed were learning the miracles. They also write an analysis of one sermon on Sunday. A class of eight little girls is learning the Sermon on the Mount. The pupils commit to memory very readily, and it is really a pleasure to hear them recite. I have frequently taken visitors with me to the school, and they have all expressed surprise on hearing the recitations, they were given with such readiness.

We find it very difficult to teach Chinese girls to think. As this is something quite new to them great patience is required, especially in teaching arithmetic. An advanced class, however, have shown quite a love for the study, and are making good progress. They are studying Proportion, and will enjoy, I think, going on still farther in this branch. So we have reason to feel greatly encouraged.

On Wednesday afternoons the Matron gives instruction to the girls in cutting out and making their dresses. You may be surprised to know that many Chinese women are quite incapable of making their own clothes. We particularly desire that all who attend this school shall be thoroughly taught in this department. Saturday is given as a recreation day. A part of the morning is spent in putting the house in order, and the afternoon devoted to sewing.

The domestic work is under the care of the Matron, the girls taking turns in cooking and in the performance of all household duties. This arrangement enables us to do without servants, and, what is far more important, gives the girls just the knowledge they will need in homes of their own.

An inquiry meeting is held every week in the Church near the school. The girls attend regularly, and we have reason to feel that it has been of great benefit to them. During the year three of their number were received as members of the Church. Since the school began eight of the larger girls have been married; these, with two exceptions, were Church members themselves and have all married Christians. For this we are truly thankful. The two referred to still attend the inquiry meetings, and we trust will soon give their hearts to Christ.

I cannot close without thanking those kind friends, who in the past have contributed so generously for the support of this school. I wish also to ask the prayers of the Church at home that God's blessing may rest upon all efforts made in behalf of our neglected sisters in China.

The school so agreeably described by Miss Van Doren is not only the only Girls' school in the city of Amoy, a city of 200,000 inhabitants, but also the only Girls' school in all the region, inhabited by millions of souls, and the graduates of this institution are the only educated Chinese women in all this vast population. The expense of supporting a girl in the school is \$20 a year.

2. THE ARCOT MISSION.

(Organized in 1854.)

The Mission occupies :

The North Arcot District.—Area, 5,017 square miles ; population, 1,787,134.

The South Arcot District.—Area, 4,076 square miles ; population, 1,261,846.

The force engaged consists of

Missionaries.—Revs. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D., and John H. Wyckoff, *Vellore* ; Jared W. Scudder, M.D., *Chittoor* ; John Scudder, M.D., *Arcot* ; E. J. Heeren, *Palamanair* ; Jacob Chamber-

lain, M.D., in the United States. Henry Martyn Scudder, Jr., M.D., is a *Medical Missionary* in charge of the hospital and dispensary at Arcot.

Assistant Missionaries.—The wives of the Messrs. Scudder, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Heeren, Miss Martha J. Mandeville, and Miss Josephine Chapin at present in the United States.

Native Pastors.—Revs. Andrew Sawyer, *Chittoor*; Zechariah John, *Coonoor*; and C. Cotelingum, *Head Master in the Arcot Seminary*.

Native Helpers.—Catechists, 19; Assistant Catechists, 3; Readers, 20; Schoolmasters, 16; Schoolmistresses, 15; Colporteurs, 11; Total 84.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Out- Stations.	Communicants in 1873.		Communicants in 1874.		Baptized Adults not Communicants.	Baptized Children.	Catechumens.	Children of Catechu- mens.	Suspended.	Scholars in Vernacular Schools.	Total in Congregations, 1873.	Total in Congregations, 1874.	Contributions.		
														R.	A.	P.
Arcot	3	67	61	42	62	31	34	2	94	285	232	150	10	9		
Arnee	3	90	44	6	49	4	5	..	24	350	107	27	13	4		
Aliandal		24	26	6	36	1	..	..	23	68	69	7	11	0		
Chittoor	5	87	108	13	93	..	..	..	68	458	358	229	15	11		
Coonoor	1	62	68	42	90	..	..	2	65	195	212	45	5	2		
Gnanodayam ..	3	52	62	10	76	..	1	..	28	116	149	44	2	0		
Kattupadi		16	14	4	13	3	3	..	..	50	37	12	14	6		
Kundipatoor...		26	25	4	14	3	8	1	50	53	54	24	12	11		
Marutavambadi.		14	15	8	21	4	6	2	12	63	56	14	1	1		
Mudnapilly....	7	37	24	11	33	2	2	..	7	256	232	44	8	4		
Orattur		34	36	4	40	19	27	2	23	122	123	21	15	0		
Palamanair	1	14	20	3	16	2	..	2	15	50	41	18	7	7		
Satambadi		40	24	..	22	1	1	..	27	76	48	14	1	8		
Sekadu		16	19	..	17	5	3	6	42	41	38	15	12	0		
Vellambi		37	38	4	33		2	3	28	74	80	15	2	3		
Vellore	13	106	154	74	221	116	113	2	466	386	687	224	6	7		
Total	36	722	738	231	836	191	205	22	972	2643	2513	911	11	4		

Rupees 911 in India are equal to about \$550 U. S. currency.

In the above table 7 out-stations are included in the statistics of Vellore, which last year were reckoned with Arnee.

The *Arcot Seminary* for boys, at Vellore, has 40 pupils. The *Girls' Seminary*, at Chittoor, has 54 pupils. The *Preparandi Class*, at Arcot, has 26 pupils.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

ARCOT.

Rev. John Scudder, M.D., *Missionary*; Henry M. Scudder, Jr. M.D., *Medical Missionary*; Mrs. John Scudder and Mrs. Henry M. Scudder, *Assistant Missionaries*; P. Souri, *Catechist*; John Peter, Abraham Muni, *Assistant Catechists*; Gnanamanikam, Elias Isaiah, *Readers*; Yesadian, *Schoolmaster*; Gnanam, *Schoolmistress*; Paul, Aaron, Munien, *Colporteurs*.

The Rev. John Scudder, M.D., reports:

There has been a falling off of 20 souls in the Arcot Congregation, owing to the removal of several families to Vellore and other places. The communicants also number 4 less. Nine have been dismissed to other Churches, and two have been suspended for misconduct; five have been admitted on confession of faith and three by certificate, making the present number fifty-one. Eleven children and thirteen adults have been baptized. Of these, five adults and three children belong to the congregation of Yegamoor, and two adults and two children to that of Kumalantangal, which are the first-fruits from those places.

The usual Sabbath services and weekly prayer meetings have been maintained, and also the woman's meeting for prayer, conducted by Mrs. Scudder. The attendance on these services has been good and regular.

The contributions are somewhat less than those of the last year, in consequence of the removals already noticed, and the transfer of the Erantangal congregation to the Vellore field. Many of the Christians give nobly, according to their means, and if Christians of more highly favored lands would follow their example, we would not be troubled with the chronic want of means to carry on the Lord's work.

The whole congregation is catechized after every Sabbath morning service.

Out-Station.—Kumalantangal has 6 Christian families of 23 souls; Manimuttu 6 families of 24 souls, and Yegamoor 10 families of 42 souls. The congregation of Manimuttu has decreased by eight persons.

Vernacular Schools.—The number of scholars in the day-school is 37,—29 boys and 8 girls. The girls have special instruction in needlework. There has been an improvement in the condition of the school, the children have been more regular in their attendance and have made better progress in their studies. They are examined weekly by Mrs. Scudder.

There has been an improvement also in the school at Yegamoor. The number of scholars has nearly doubled, and all have made considerable progress in their studies. The other out-stations also have schools, but they are very small.

Evangelistic Work.—In company with several other members of the Mission, I attended two native feasts,—one at Conjepuram, and spent a few days in Tripity, proclaiming the Gospel to the crowds gathered in these places. Street preaching has also been continued in the various out-stations.

ARNEE.

Rev. John Scudder, M.D., *Missionary*; Gnanaparanam, Simon, *Catechists*; Suban David, *Reader*; Juvan, Arulandu, John Simon, *Schoolmasters*; Natchateram, Z. Souri, *Colporteurs*.

Out-Stations.—Sevur, Pudupakam, Parasur, Alliandal, Vellambi.

Dr. Scudder reports :

The above congregations came under my charge at the beginning of the year. I have not been able to visit them very often. Some have felt the want of a pastor very much. For a time the congregation at Arnee was in a most unsatisfactory condition. A disaffected member created strifes and divisions. He has providentially been removed from the place, and peace has been restored. The congregation at Alliandal has also been a cause of anxiety and sorrow. The Catechist proved to be a worthless and I fear a bad man. His sin found him out and we dismissed him, and since that time the condition of the Church has improved. Of the congregation at Vellambi I have nothing of evil to report. Their walk has been consistent, and their attendance on divine services regular.

The statistics of all the stations remain nearly the same as last year's, showing a very slight decrease in two places, and an increase in the remaining four. Fourteen communicants have been dismissed to other churches, one has been suspended, and three

have died; two have been received on confession of faith and thirteen by certificate. Sixteen children and two adults have been baptized. Preaching in the surrounding villages has been carried on by all the helpers.

Schools have been maintained in four places, with an attendance of nearly double that of last year. This has been accomplished by night schools and more earnest efforts on the part of the teachers.

CHITTOOR.

Rev. Jared W. Scudder, M.D., *Missionary*; Mrs. Scudder, *Assistant Missionary*; Rev. Andrew Sawyer, *Native Pastor*; V. A. Isaac, *Catechist*; John Abraham, *Assistant Catechist*; I. Lazar, T. Shadrach, Z. Bashyan, S. Treadwell, *Readers*; Vareed, *Schoolmaster*; Elizabeth, *Schoolmistress*; Alexander, Muttan Daniel, *Col-porteurs*.

Rev. J. W. Scudder, M.D., writes:

Twenty-nine persons were received into this Church during the year; eighteen of them on confession, and eleven by certificate. Five communicants were dismissed to other churches, one died, and two were suspended. The present number of members is 108, showing an increase of 21 during the twelvemonth. Ten adult heathen, and eight Christain infants were baptized. While rejoicing over the measure of success granted to us, we have to mourn the lapse of one who had been for many years highly esteemed and trusted. Rev. M. J. Israel was deposed from the ministry, and dismissed the service of the mission for gross immorality.

The usual Sabbath and week-day services were regularly held and were generally well attended.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS.

	Rs.	A.	P
Subscriptions for pastor's support	67	0	3
Sabbath mornings collections.....	69	2	2
Monthly concert "	14	0	2
Communion "	13	10	9
Subscriptions to Sahodara Saugan.....	47	3	6
Seminary girls contribution (special).....	10	0	0
Special collection and thankoffering	8	15	1
Total	229	15	11

(A Rupee equals 50 cents gold.)

The total shows an increase of Rs. 4, 2, 1 above that of 1873.

Vernacular Schools.—Of these, two have been kept up at this station during the year. The boys' school has averaged 45, and the girls' school 23 scholars. They were regularly examined once a week by Mrs. Scudder, whose report regarding them is generally satisfactory and encouraging.

Itinerant Preaching.—I have spent 63 days itinerating in the district. In company with others I also visited Vallimalai, Tiruputy, and Conjeveram, all celebrated places of pilgrimage, and preached the Gospel to large numbers of heathen. We delivered 1,019 addresses to over 50,000 persons and distributed nearly 2,000 Christian books and tracts.

At the station and out-stations we have preached 1,689 times during the year to near 60,000 persons, and distributed, by sale and gift, nearly 800 books and tracts.

Out-Stations.—These are Basapalli, having 2 Christian families of 10 persons; Bomaisamudram, 5 families of 20 souls; Kottapalli, 16 families of 54 souls; Ramapuram, 7 families of 25 souls; and Timsanpalli, 6 families of 25 souls. Four out-stations have been abandoned for the present as either unsatisfactory or having too few adherents to warrant the residence of a Catechist. This excision of worthless and doubtful material reduces the number of adherents from 292, as stated last year, to 134 as now reported. Schools have been maintained in Basapalli, Bomaisamudram, Kottapalli, Ramapuram, and Timsanpalli, numbering respectfully 11, 18, 13, 12, and 11 scholars. In June I had the privilege, in Kottapalli, of baptizing and admitting to church fellowship 9 adults, who had been several years under instruction, and who gave good evidence that they had sincerely embraced Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Sums amounting to about Rs. 8, for the year, were contributed by these humble villagers for pastoral support and other objects.

COONOOR.

Rev. Zecharia John, *Native Pastor*; Samson Samuel, *Catechist*; Francis Nathaniel, *English Teacher*; David Ponau, *Reader and Tamil Teacher*.

Pastor Z. John reports :

That, although 3 members have died and one been transferred to another church, the number of communicants has increased from 50 to 54

and that the congregation is also larger. These facts we draw from his more particular statement, and leave him to present other facts in his own language, as follows :

By the will of Providence I was enabled to conduct the Lord's work as far as health and strength permitted me, and the Catechist also performed his duties faithfully. The Lord's Supper has been celebrated five times during this year, and Sabbath Services regularly held both mornings and evenings. Though the communicants attendance this year was a little larger than the last, still the whole of them were never yet present at any one time during the year, about which I have often spoken to them.

Here I may refer to a part of my report for last year touching the intemperate habits of the greater number of my congregation. By the grace of God I have so far succeeded, by frequent advice in private and public preaching against this vicious and pernicious habit, as to suppress the same in a great measure and I have pleasure now to report more favorably of those so addicted, and I pray earnestly that God's blessing would abide constantly with these poor and weak souls and cause them to abandon the vice altogether, and apply the precious time (so lost by them in indulging in their vice), to the glory of God, to the saving of their own souls.

I baptized a young man after examining him in the Christian faith, and I have received 4 Heathens besides, on their promising to lead a Christian life, and they are now, I am thankful to say, added to the flock of Christ. We believe and work faithfully, trusting in the Lord God, who has kindly promised that He will increase His flock: ("A little one shall become a thousand and a small one a strong nation, I the Lord will hasten it in his time."—Isaiah lx: 22.)

The word of God has been preached to the heathens in this place. The total number of hearers was 15,424 of these 1,861 women. 10½ Annas worth of tracts were sold to a very few heathens who were anxious to read and know more about the Living God.

Anglo Vernacular School.—This school which was opened last year in connection with the Church has progressed considerably. There were only 37 pupils last year, but at the close of this year 65 are on the roll, of these 12 are free scholars. The fees collected during the last year amounts to Rupees 76, 13, 0. I am sorry to say that we have great trouble in collecting fees, as the boys never

pay regularly, though the teachers and I constantly press them, the arrears amount to Rs. 17, 15, 0.

During this year the following ladies and gentlemen have visited the school and passed good remarks. Rev. J. English has paid several visits. Rev. J. Scudder, M.A., M.D., Mrs. Scudder, Miss Mandeville, Miss Chapin, Rev. S. Organe, Lady Hobart, the Lord Bishop of Madras, Miss Gele, Rev. W. W. and Mrs. Elwes, Col. H. L. Grove, and the Government Inspector of schools. Lady Hobart said that she is much pleased, and gave a treat to the boys, and also Rupees 50 towards the Mission. The Bishop of Madras remarked as follows :

"I visited this school this morning with Miss Gele and the Rev. W. W. and Mrs. Elwes and heard them examined in Scripture and other subjects, and was pleased with the apparent evidence of good teaching and the interest evinced by the children in their work.

[Signed]

F. MADRAS."

August 29th, 1874.

The Government Inspector of Schools, examined the school in the middle of this year and, placing the school under the system of payment by results, sanctioned Rs. 57, 7, 9 per annum as a government grant, which the municipality here in Coonoor refused to pay us, because the same sanctioned by the Inspector exceeded the Coonoor Budget account. I need not insert anything about the teachers, as the remarks made by the visitors and the report itself will evidently show that they are very attentive in their work.

Out-Station.—Kotagiri, having 9 Christian families, comprising 32 persons. The congregation is the same as before, with the addition of one family from the Coonoor Church. Three children have been baptized. There is no Catechist here since the time of the dismissal of the former one, but the Postmaster conducts the Sabbath services. Only a very few of the Christians attend the Church regularly, but when I visit the place almost all of them are present. The want of a Catechist is greatly felt.

GNANODIAM.

Rev. John Scudder, M.D., *Missionary in charge*; Moses Nathaniel Samuel Sawyer, *Catechists*; Souriappan, *Reader*; Christian Daniel, K. Zechariah, *Schoolmasters*; Amral, *Schoolmistress*; Sourimuttu, *Colporteur*.

Out-Stations.—Arulnadu 9 families of 51 persons; Sattambadi, 10 families of 48 persons; Sirudalampundi, 4 families of 16 persons; Paraiyantangal, 3 families of 12 persons.

Rev. John Scudder writes as follows:

The Rev. Andrew Sawyer has had charge of these stations for the greater part of the year. They only came under my care in November, when he removed to Chittoor. In the statistics there appears a falling off of 23 in the congregations of Gnanodiam and Arulnadu, whereas there has actually been an increase of 7. This discrepancy is owing to a mistake in the figures of the last year, where the total of the congregations is represented as 144, whereas it should have been 114. 5 communicants have been dismissed to other churches. One has been received on confession of faith, and two have been added by certificate, so that the present number of communicants is 45.

Divine services have been held as usual, and the ordinances have been administered at stated intervals. Seven children and two adults have been baptized. Preaching to the heathen around the stations has been maintained, and some tours among distant villages have been made. A school has been sustained during a greater part of the year, attended by 22 scholars.

The congregation of Sattambadi including Sirudalampundi and Paraiyantangal number 76, being 4 less than last year. The number of communicants is 41. One has been received on confession of faith, and two from other churches. Divine services have been regularly held and the ordinances administered at proper seasons. The helpers in these stations have been on several tours among the heathen and when in their places they often visit the surrounding villages to make known the glad tidings of salvation. The school at Sattambadi numbers 27, being 12 more scholars than attended last year. Quite a number of these are unable to attend in the day time, as they are compelled to work for their food. For such, a night school is held. There is also a small school of six scholars at Sirudalampundi.

MUDNAPILLY.

Rev. E. J. Heeren, *Missionary in charge*; J. Pakyanadan, John Hill and John Souri, *Catechists*; M. Joseph, S. Abram and John Zechariah, *Readers*; Rebecca Hill, Shelvan Souri and Gnanamankam Joseph, *Schoolmistresses*.

Rev. Mr. Heeren reports:

The charge of this station brought with it a care and responsibility which made me feel deeply the need of Divine assistance. The Lord, of whom must come the increase, has not permitted me to welcome large accessions of members to the Church, or to rejoice over increased and increasing devotedness to Christ among His followers. Yet He has, here and there, in one way and another, graciously owned and blessed His cause. Opposition without and contention within made the charge difficult, and the future existence of the work here very uncertain. But the Lord has overruled it all. A Church organization still exists, and a foothold has been retained in the seven villages which were reported last year as standing firm.

These seven villages or out-stations are Timmapalli, Tiparazu, Nalapora, Nalchernou, Goralachintora, and Podolora, in which we have 46 families of 160 souls.

The congregation at Mudnapilly has been considerably reduced by removals. Two additions have been made to the Church on confession. We had a school of 12 pupils at the beginning of the year, but the removals and the withdrawal of pupils by families living at a considerable distance away, so reduced the attendance that the school was closed. I have visited the stations nine times during the year, and the out-stations two or three times.

The people of the seven villages, though not as firm and decided in regard to Christianity as they might and ought to be, have continued to show a willingness to be instructed in the truth. There has been much sickness among the people and missionary helpers in the villages. Some of the latter were thus obliged to spend a considerable part of their time in the hospital at Mudnapilly and elsewhere. In one of the villages a number of deaths have happened during the last two years. The people having not yet heartily embraced Christianity, and doubtless being frightened by their heathen neighbors, imagine that these deaths occur among them because

they have forsaken the religion of their fathers and turned to that of the Christian. Four day schools have been opened during a part of the year.

The helpers, through whom a sad state of affairs was introduced throughout this region, have been punished as they deserved.

PALAMANAIR.

Rev. E. J. Heeren, *Missionary*; Mrs. Heeren, *Assistant Missionary*; V. Thomas, *Catechist*; J. Balachenzu, *Reader*; Eliza Thomas, Esther Balachenzu, *Schoolmistresses*.

Out-Station.—Arunodaya.

Mr. Heeren reports:

Two communicants and one baptized adult not communicant have been received from the Mudnapilli, and one communicant from the Arcot congregation. One infant has been baptized. The Lord's Supper has been administered twice. Two marriages have been solemnized. A weekly women's prayer meeting was commenced, and continued throughout the year, under the direction of Mrs. Heeren. Morning and afternoon services have been held regularly every Sabbath. Those in the morning have usually been well attended; but from those in the afternoon some have frequently absented themselves, and I fear without sufficient reason.

Numerically the congregation has lost. This is owing chiefly to four families, who used to live at the out-station Arunodaya, being struck off from the list. For a number of years these families, together with the rest, owing to hard times, sickness, poor crops, etc., had been receiving money, some of which was to be returned without interest as soon as they were able. Though their crops had been comparatively good, and among them little or no sickness to prevent them to earn a living and pay off a little of their debt besides, they continued asking and expecting pecuniary gain from and through the Missionary. As their debt was already large, and as the above or any other justifiable reasons for complying with their requests no longer existed, the kind of aid they asked for was denied them. As soon as they saw that I could not and would not satisfy their desire, (not, of receiving necessary aid to help them get an honest Christian living, but) of worldly gain, they turned their faces to where they came from. Before they left the place, a man

and his wife had to be suspended. As far as I have been able to find out all are living like heathen. Though they are dropped from the Church-record, they are not forgotten in our prayers and in our endeavors to save the lost. Many who relapsed into heathenism have come back with an humble confession of sin and with a truly penitent heart; why should not these?

The school at Palamanair has been well attended during the year, the average daily number of scholars being 15. They are examined and instructed every Saturday from 9 to 12 by Mrs. Heeren. The progress they have made in their studies is very encouraging.

Station and out-station preaching has been carried on regularly during the year, reaching about 5,000 souls.

VELLORE.

Revs. E. C. Scudder, M.D., and J. H. Wyckoff, *Missionaries*; Mrs. Scudder, *Assistant Missionary*; P. Jaganathan, A. Masillamani, V. Samuel, V. Yesadian, Abraham Williams, Joseph Paul, *Catechists*; Israel Andrew, A. Solomon, Christian Samuel, D. A. Masillamani, David Javoo, *Readers*; John Moses, *Schoolmaster*; Fanny, Mary, Martha, Mary, *Schoolmistresses*; Moses, Munien, Rungian, *Colporteurs*; Rebecca, *Bible reader*.

Rev. Dr. Scudder reports:

The Church at Vellore is on the whole in a tolerably prosperous and satisfactory condition. Although we have had many difficulties to contend with, and enemies secretly working against us in the interest of Ritualism, and though a few of the weaker and least satisfactory portion of the congregation have been beguiled away, I am thankful to say that the Lord has preserved us in the main, and that but little permanent injury has as yet been brought upon us. With all the losses and departures there has still been an increase in numbers and, I trust, in spiritual interest. While there is reason to deplore the absence of any marked revival among us, we are at the same time not unthankful for the measure of life and strength that we possess. Many hearts beat truly and soundly amid the desolation and indifference that surround us, and we trust that God has good things in store for us. Besides the usual services hitherto held, I have, during the year, had a prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings, in the houses of the people in different parts of the town.

These have been remarkably well attended, often far beyond our anticipations, and an interest awakened which I hope may be permanent. My wife has always been present with me at these meetings, and we feel that they have been the means of bringing us nearer to our Native brethren and sisters in Christ and binding us all more securely and lovingly together. Mrs. Scudder has also had her woman's prayer meeting in different parts of the town on Tuesday afternoon of each week. One or two prayer meetings have been sustained besides these by the members of the Church. We have meetings enough, and prayers enough and material in abundance. What we need is an outpouring of the Spirit; a direct manifestation of His power and presence such as England is now receiving, and we earnestly request that more prayer may be offered up for us, and for God's work in this land. Should a prayer accompany each gift into our Foreign Treasury, the Church would see greater results than even the most sanguine could hope for.

Mention has already been made in my published letters of the action taken by the Ritualistic Chaplain who has been recently appointed to this Station, to look after the *Spiritual* (?) interests of the European residents. We feel that the appointment by him of a Catechist, in the interest of that Church in an infringement of pledges made to us, when the work here was transferred to us by the Gospel Propagation Society more than 20 years since. No other Missionary body occupied the field at that time, and we were given to understand that we should be left in sole possession as far as they were concerned. Though a *Chaplain* may not be a *Gospel Propagation Missionary*, all come under the same ecclesiastical authority, and a violation of honor on the part of any thus controlled, should at once meet with rebuke from the controlling power. A protest has been made, but to no purpose, and we see in this act only a repetition of (to say the least) the discourtesy that others in common with us have been subjected to by this religious body in India. It is hardly necessary to add that the Catechist's conduct has corresponded with the nature of his appointment, and that he has been secretly working among the members of our Congregation, poisoning their minds and endeavoring to create schism and a withdrawal from our communion to his. This too, in the face of pledges made to the contrary.

Reading Room and Library.—I have at last been able to effect that which for years my heart has been fixed upon, viz.: the establishment of a room into which Natives could be invited for conversation, and where they could be supplied with good reading matter and good books. Many years since the attempt was made, but no suitable place could be procured. I have now succeeded in hiring a most excellent position right in the thickest of the bazaar. It is nothing less than two bazaars with the intervening wall removed. The room, though small, has a veranda in front which affords room for a table on which are exposed Scriptures, tracts and books for sale. A few Tamil and English secular and religious periodicals and newspapers are also supplied for gratuitous reading. The people gather here in large numbers every afternoon, and a Catechist, who spends from 3 to 6 P. M. there, five days in the week preaches to the different audiences as they present themselves. I go down when I can, though other duties prevent me from doing so with the degree of frequency desired. This room was opened in the latter part of April last, and the following figures represent what has been accomplished in this connection :

Number of times in which the Gospel has been preached.....	268
“ of people reached	12,860
“ of religious tracts and books sold.....	160
“ of Bibles and Testaments. “	17
“ of Educational books, “	122

Other Catechists, besides the one in charge, visit the room and preach as opportunity affords. We trust that it will prove a centre of large influence for good.

Out-work among the Heathen.—This has been prosecuted as usual and as far as practicable, in connection with my visits to the Christian villages, under my charge. Besides this, three of the most noted festivals in this part of the country were visited and thousands of people preached to. Statistics of these appear in another report. So I need not repeat them here. The Catechists of this Station have labored faithfully in this department of their work. Their report is as follows :

Addresses in the Town and surrounding villages.	2,178
Number of people reached.....	36,481
Books, Scriptures and Tracts disposed of.....	440

This statement includes six tours in the district. An entirely new feature, in connection with this work, lies in the fact of a woman participating in it. On one or two of his journeys, Abraham Williams' wife accompanied him and preached successfully to women in the streets. Many men have crowded about her to witness the unheard of novelty. Thus you see that "woman's rights" are not confined to the U. S. A., and we hope the *Conservatives* among our friends will not class us among the heterodox for this voluntary innovation.

Vernacular Schools.—There are two of these, and they have been tolerably well attended throughout the year. The boys' school, averaging forty, (the occasional attendance has been much larger,) has made satisfactory progress under its teacher, Christian Samuel, and was examined, by the Government Inspector of Schools, at the close of the year. The most of the boys passed the ordeal, and a grant-in-aid of Rupees 47 was realized. The two schools have been examined weekly by Mrs. Scudder, each examination occupying from two to three hours.

Out-Stations.—Kattupadi, 9 families of 37 souls; Kandiputtur, 13 families of 54 souls; Sekadu, 12 families of 38 souls; Vennampalli, 8 families of 22 souls; Erentangal, 7 families of 25 souls; Ourantangal, 7 families of 34 souls; Karasamangalam, 5 families of 28 souls; Tondantolasi, 6 families of 27 souls; Karihiri, 5 families of 25 souls. These have been visited from two to four times during the year by myself, and several times by Abraham Williams, at my request. They remain very much in the condition they were in at the close of 1873. I am glad, however, to report that the schools have been better attended than hitherto. Special and favorable mention should be made of Kandiputtur, where the school is efficiently managed by the Catechist in charge, and where the general condition of the congregation is hopeful and encouraging. No one can fail to notice what Christianity has done for this village, and what a marked effect it has had upon the people.

The helpers have preached, during the year, in and about these out-stations, 2,081 times to nearly 32,000 persons, and distributed 448 books, tracts, and Scriptures. That a larger number of books, etc., has not been distributed is due to the fact that we have ceased all

gratuitous circulation and adopted the plan of selling. It will require time for the people to accommodate themselves to the change. We have given away fly leaves, furnished without charge by the Madras Religious Tract and Book Society, and of these we keep no account.

*Out-Station*s, not belonging to Vellore, but managed from it. Marutuvambadi, 13 families of 56 souls; Orattur, 29 families of 123 souls; Adanur, 5 families of 27 souls; Varikkal, 8 families of 38 souls; Tindevanum, 8 families of 34 souls; Narasingamur, 15 families of 82 souls; Mandukapattu, 9 families of 34 souls; Kolapakam, 9 families of 36 souls; Tandasamudram, 6 families of 24 souls. Total, 102 families of 454 souls.

The statistics show an increase of 42 souls for the year. On the whole the work in this region is decidedly encouraging. The losses have been few and due mainly to departures. One village for many years on our list, viz., Nangattur, has disappeared. This is the headquarters of Roman Catholicism in all that region, and possesses a large Church which supplies the religious wants of the people for many miles around. Beyond the three families, consisting of 15 souls, that belong to us, not a Protestant is to be found in the place. Those three families came to us originally from Romanism, and they have been subjected ever since to every form of annoyance and persecution possible. False charges were preferred against them, officials were bribed against them, and their houses, gardens and cattle taken from them. Injustice followed injustice, till finally their courage failed and they were induced on the promise of a restoration of their property and cessation of persecution to return to Romanism. The old man, the head of the family, still says his heart is with us, but that he cannot endure the continual persecutions of his priests. The forced withdrawal of these three families, which constitute one household of father and sons, has forced us to withdraw from the place.

This is not the only instance of persecution that I could mention as having occurred in that region. Many others among us have had to suffer at the hands of the priest, whose zeal consists in fighting against every thing that savors of Protestantism, and especially in trying to ruin those who have left his teachings for a purer faith. Few, however, I am thankful to say, have been drawn back into his fold to escape these evils.

In closing this report I cannot but call attention again to this interesting field in the South, and to the utter impossibility of managing it from this great distance with any satisfaction or any large hopes of success. Not only should the villages we hold be visited with more frequency, but the region about, ready apparently for the harvest, should be worked with vigor. I feel assured that large results would follow such efforts. Tindevanum, which is a proper center for this field, and which is soon to be connected by rail with Madras and with us, should be supplied with a Missionary without delay. It is the only way to hold our own in that region. The Leipsic Lutherans knowing its importance, have just placed a man there who will crowd upon us in every possible manner, and without the slightest exhibition of Christian courtesy. We have had the field for ten years and shall certainly retain its possession. The *only* way to do this is to plant a Missionary there. With Tindevanum and Arnee supplied, we could reach all our possessions and work with advantage and efficiency.

The helpers connected with these out-stations have accomplished a good deal of preaching and touring among the heathen, but as their reports are imperfect I omit them. The following is a list of their names and standing:

Paul Bailey, E. Joshua. A. Antony, Nidian, *Catechists*; Jacob Babu, Prakasam, A. Solomon, *Readers*; Elizabeth Francis, Mary, Anthony, Mary Brown, *School Mistresses*; Francis, Sourimuttu. Peter, *School Masters*; A. Abraham, *Colporteur*.

THE PREPARANDI SCHOOL.

John Peter, *Teacher*.

The Rev. Dr. John Scudder reports:

The present number of boys is twenty-six—the same as at the beginning of the year. Eleven new scholars have been received and eleven have left the school to return to their homes. The conduct of all has been good. They have been diligent in their studies, and with few exceptions have made a progress in their lessons which is creditable to themselves and their teachers. Some, though they have studied faithfully, have progressed but little. These we have recommended to leave the school and enter into some employment more congenial to their natural abilities. Mrs.

Scudder instructs and examines each class weekly. For the first time the school has been put on the "Result Grant System." It was examined by the Deputy Inspector in December, when most of the boys passed the standards in which they were presented. Five of the boys have been baptized and two have been admitted to the communion of the Church.

THE GIRLS' SEMINARY AT CHITTOOR.

Miss. M. J. Mandeville, *in charge*; Mrs. Lackley, *Matron*; Martin Luther, John Abrams, *Teachers*.

Rev. Dr. Jared Scudder reports :

By the Divine blessing all has gone well in this institution during the year. Mrs. Scudder has continued in charge, and has given much time and effort to the instruction and training of the girls. The new teacher, Martin Luther, has been faithful, and has succeeded in advancing the school to a higher standard of scholarship. Excellent health, and prevailing good conduct on the part of the pupils have rendered the work of supervision a pleasant rather than an arduous task. Four girls in July, and three in November were admitted to the Church on confession of their faith in Christ. We heartily thank God for this token of His blessing on our efforts to bring these young souls to the Saviour. A number of the scholars are ready to go forth as schoolmistresses or in other capacities, as a way may be opened for them. Crochet work done by the girls has been sold to the amount of Rs. 200; and Rs. 90, 13, 10, saved by denying themselves a little food every day, has been collected and appropriated to benevolent objects. The present number of boarders is fifty-four. In December, the school was examined by E. C. Caldwell, Esq., and N. Murugassa Mudalian, Government Inspectors of schools. The following is the report made by Mr. Caldwell to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras: "Sir, I have the honor in forwarding the accompanying certifying Memorial of the American Mission Girl's Boarding School at Chittoor, to report that the school is held in a large and commodious building, built especially for the purpose, and that it is more than ordinarily well and efficiently managed. The number of pupils on the rolls was fifty-four, of whom fifty were presented for examination. Their attendance, owing doubtless in part to the pupils being boarded in the establishment, was remarkably good. Their answering too was particularly good,

with the exception in arithmetic of a few girls, whose progress in that branch was not in keeping with their standard on other subjects. The pupils presented for the fourth standard also had not made sufficient progress in English grammar to be passed for grants under that head. In sewing, as in the case of the schools of the same mission in Vellore, the girls were generally far in advance of the standards required of them." A grant of Rs. 688, 4, was awarded by Government as the result of this examination.

The school was also subsequently examined, with satisfactory results, by a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. E. C. Scudder and E. J. Heeren, in the presence of the whole mission. We record our gratitude for the success which has attended the institution throughout the year.

THE ARCOT SEMINARY AT VELLORE.

Rev. C. Cotelingum, *Head Master*; Zechariah Appavoo, *Teacher*; Sami Sastri, *Sanscrit and Telugu Munshi*.

Rev. Dr. E. C. Scudder writes:

I am glad to be able to give a favorable report of this Institution. Every effort has been made to make it as efficient as possible, and I trust with some degree of success. Mrs. Scudder has spent from two to three hours daily in giving instruction to the young men. Miss Mandeville has also taken a class each day, and, while at the Station, I have had a class in Theology four times a week. Since Mr. Wyckoff's arrival, he has rendered efficient aid by instructing two classes.

The number of students during the year has been forty. Of these four have graduated, and three of them are just about to enter upon Mission work. Three others are to be sent out to occupy subordinate positions as helpers. Nine have been honorably dismissed, because they lack the ability to make efficient agents. New admissions, however, have brought the number up again to 40, and we commence the year with the best material that our District affords.

There is, however, an indispensable condition to the efficiency and success of this institution, in the future, and that is, a proper teacher. Each year convinces us more and more of this. If we want efficient men, men who with a thorough educational training

will carry with them a moral force that will make itself felt, they must come in contact more intimately and more continuously with a well trained Western mind. This can only be accomplished by a man giving his *whole time* to the interests of the Institution, and spending the greater part of each day with the lads. However well trained or educated a Native may be, he does not possess the power and tact of successfully training other minds; and the experience of others and older missions has led them to supply their higher institutions, with European trained teachers. The result is that men going out of such institutions are at a premium, capable of meeting responsibility and inspiring confidence.

This is by no means a new question with us. We have thought and talked much about it privately, and at our mission meetings, and have again and again thought of proposing to the Board to send out either a minister or layman, as the case may be, to take charge of our Seminary and devote his whole time to its interest. Financial embarrassment and other causes however prevented. Still, so fully were we impressed with the necessity and importance of this measure, that we resolved at our annual meeting, in 1874, more than a year since, to try and secure the services of a German teacher, and meet his salary, for a time, from such donations as we could obtain from friends in India. This project, however, failed. Our work has reached that stage in which the services of such a teacher, have become more than ever a necessity; nay, are indispensable to our efficiency and success. Though men that go out of a Seminary, are many of them good men, with fair attainments and good purposes, they lack many of those traits and habits of thought that are absolutely necessary to success, and which the miscellaneous character of our present efforts, however useful, can never secure to them. Nothing short of a well trained man, who will make it his *business* to train these young men, will meet the case. The subject is of the utmost importance, for the future of our Mission depends very much upon the character of the agents we send out. A missionary could not devote his powers to a better purpose, and I earnestly hope the Board will give the subject their immediate and serious consideration, and send us a man as early as possible.

* THE SCHOOL FOR CASTE GIRLS AT VELLORE.

Miss Martha J. Mandeville and Miss Josephine Chapin, (now in this country,) *in charge*.

Miss Martha J. Mandeville writes:

The arrival of the new year reminds us that some account is expected of the progress of our girls' schools. That such an account was not furnished for two years preceding we regret, but beg our friends to believe that though silent we have not been idle.

Since our last report the schools have increased greatly in number and interest. A year and a half ago a school was opened in Thotopalian (the village of the gardens), and although the prophets foretold for it a failure, it is still going on as prosperously as could be expected. The difficulty of securing a responsible and efficient teacher at first all but brought the prophecy to a fulfillment. The present master, however, seems desirous of discharging his duty faithfully. The progress of the classes is satisfactory, and good order prevails. This village is a suburb of Vellore; most of the people are cultivators—rude, and uneducated, they hardly estimate education for their children at its full value, and the children themselves are brought under discipline with greater difficulty than those of wealthier and more enlightened parents. The marked improvement in the appearance of these children since the schools were opened encourages us to believe that the labor spent has not been in vain. The average attendance in the school for the year has been thirty-one, and the number of names on the roll forty. At the annual examination by the Government Inspectors, seven girls passed the grades, for which we received from Government, under the system of "payment for results," Rupees 72, 12. This, together with special donations, covers the entire expense of the school since it was opened. For the coming year a large grant is expected, but the balance of the expense is likely to fall on the mission.

At the close of the year the school at Sullivanspetta was removed to Valapady, a village more central, and, on that account, accessible to a greater number of children. The prospect of a large attendance for the coming year is most encouraging. There are now thirty nine names on the roll, but the average attendance is small, owing to sickness among the pupils. Thirteen passed the examination, and a grant of Rupees 154, 8 was received from the Government.

During the last three months it has been extremely difficult to secure the attendance of more than one-third of the pupils at a time, on account of the prevalence of fever in this part of Vellore. Teachers and pupils have alike, from time to time, succumbed to it. One bright little girl has died. The people are still greatly afflicted, and we are hoping that there will be an abatement of disease as soon as the hot weather sets in.

In the Central School seventy-two are in attendance daily, while the roll numbers eighty-one. At the annual examination, thirty-five passed the grades, realizing a grant of Rupees 355.8. The success that has attended the working of this school from the beginning leaves me no room for complaint. Our only difficulty has been in securing a comfortable and permanent school building. We have occupied three different buildings in the three years that the school has been established, and are now on the look-out for a fourth. The landlords demand exorbitant rent, and they are not willing to concede to us the privileges that are ours by law. It would be an unspeakable relief if we could feel ourselves able to purchase a house in this part of the town. The yearly expense of the school would be greatly lessened, and money would be saved in the end.

Sewing is still an important feature in these schools. Many of the girls in the advanced classes are able to cut and make their own garments. In this we are already reaping some of the fruits of our labors. A few months ago one of the elder girls in Sullivanspetta school begged to be allowed to teach a small class in sewing. She proved herself so capable that for the present she has charge of all the classes in sewing in that school. A more dignified and womanly character can scarcely be found in one of her years and stature. She seems especially fitted to fill a responsible position. It is rare to find women qualified to teach sewing, and it was not until October of last year that we were able to get a teacher to assist in this department.

The Scriptures are taught daily, and a great change is apparent both in children and parents in regard to this branch of study. The people protested strongly at first against this introduction of Christian instruction, and the children themselves seemed to have imbibed the prejudices of their parents. Now, they drink in Bible truths almost eagerly, and not only carry their Catechisms and Bible por-

tions to their homes, but are allowed to read and study them there aloud, without interruption. One great hindrance to any real spiritual progress is the want of Christian teachers, who could exercise a daily and hourly Christian influence over the children. Another is the early removal of the children from the school. They leave us before their minds are sufficiently developed to grasp fully the great truths of the Gospel. Our only course is to follow them to their homes, and strive to nourish there the seed that has already been sown. In doing this a vast field of labor presents itself, one which, for want of time, we are entirely unable to enter. Work among women in India is to us, who are engaged in it, an ever growing responsibility. Revelations of its magnitude and value are daily opening before us, and we feel our weakness in nothing so much as in our inability to represent fully the needs of this great work.

Miss Chapin has been obliged, on account of ill health, to forego her labors here for a time, and return to her native country. Her loss is felt in more ways than we are able to express. We hope that it may be the will of the great Disposer of Events to bring her back to us and to her chosen work, restored in health and renewed in spirit.

There is labor here abundant for willing hands and loving hearts, and if it calls for a sacrifice it also holds out a promise: "There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting."

THE DISPENSARY AND HOSPITAL.

Rev John Scudder, M. D., reports:

This work has been continued throughout the year. By the advice of the mission, I engaged the services of Dr. J. Martin to aid me in it. He was in charge of the hospital for nearly eight months, and this was a great help to me; but we had to dispense with his services, as we had not the funds to meet his salary.

The number of patients has been less than last year. The great amount of rain has kept the Palar river full of water for weeks at a time, and thus many have been debarred from applying to us for medical aid. One of our former students has continued to treat patients in the village where he resides. He has had 748 cases.

The following are the statistics of the number of patients :

Number of Out Patients,	5,988
“ “ In “	318
Total,	<hr/> 6,306

The daily attendance has averaged 87.

The total daily attendance throughout the year, amounts to 31,755

The total number of days the In-patients were dieted amounts to 7,580.

Quite a number of In-patients dieted themselves and are not included in these figures.

There have been 436 surgical operations. Only a few of them were capital cases.

With the exception of the officers in charge, and Dr. Martin's salary for the time he was employed, the Local Board has paid all the expenses of the Hospital and Dispensary, for which we tender them our grateful thanks.

Our Board has sent out H. M. Scudder, Jr., M. D., to carry on the medical work. He will devote his whole time to this work. When he is put in charge, my connection with the Hospital will cease and I shall have more time to devote to my other work. We use this institution as a means of evangelization. The Gospel is preached every morning, and books are given to those who desire them. No compulsion is used, all are free to listen to the Word or not, just as they please.

3. THE JAPAN MISSION.

(Organized in 1859.)

Missionaries at Yokohama, Revs. S. R. Brown, D.D., James H. Ballagh, *Assistant Missionaries*, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Ballagh, Mrs. Mary E. Miller, Miss Emma C. Witbeck.

At Tokio, Rev. G. F. Verbeck, D.D.; *Assistant Missionary*, Mrs. Verbeck.

At Nagasaki, Revs. Henry Stout, C. H. H. Wolff; *Assistant Missionaries*, Mrs. Stout, and Mrs. Wolff.

THE YOKOHAMA STATION.

The Rev. Dr. Brown has been chiefly engaged in teaching the class of Theological students, and in translating the Scriptures while taking as large a part as his health and engagements have allowed in the care of the Native Church. He has also conducted a private school for young men, which has exerted a beneficial influence.

The Rev. James H. Ballagh has been virtually the pastor of the Native Church, called the "Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, at Yokohama," respecting which he reports as follows :

Received on confession of faith in 1872, males 24, females 4, total 28; in 1874, males 17, females 10, total 27; in 1874, males 34, females 23, total 57. Total received by confession, 112. Received by certificate, 4. Total 116. Dismissed to other Churches, 18, Died, 5, total 23. Leaving in communion, in December, 1874, 93 members. Baptized children, 9. Contributions for 1874, \$99 40.

The services of the Sabbath, consisting of a general Church service in the morning, mission station preaching in the afternoon, and a general prayer meeting and preaching service in the evening, have been well sustained. A weekly prayer meeting and special prayer meetings have been well sustained. The Week of Prayer, as usual, was daily followed up according to the programme furnished by the Evangelical Alliance.

The Theological class, under the instruction of Dr. Brown, in English, have pursued their studies diligently; Dr. Brown's daughter and niece carrying on their education, during the Doctor's absence through sickness. Rev. E. R. Miller has also contributed to their instruction in certain special studies. I have had them but a month or so latterly in the Epistle to the Romans, to be followed up as fully as their engagements may allow.

Mrs. Miller's school has suffered severely for the want of an assistant and of proper boarding-school facilities. These deficiencies are now happily to be entirely supplied by Miss Witbeck's arrival, and good promise of great efficiency both in mastering the language and in teaching, and in the large and attractive school-building, now in process of erection, on one of the most desirable lots on the Bluff. It occupies a commanding position, overlooking the city and bay,

and has ample grounds and retirement for its pupils to enjoy themselves freely. "Patient waiting no loss," seems to be happily illustrated, both in the erection of this school and of our Church building. The latter has its walls completed and roof on, and rises up imposingly, the first object to meet the stranger setting foot on these shores. It occupies part of, or is closely adjacent to, Commodore Perry's treaty grounds, and at the same time is on the nearest possible approach to the Japanese town, and is in the official quarter—the Custom House, Post Office, English and American Consulates being in the immediate vicinity.

Of events, illustrating the internal growth of the Church of Christ, at this place, I may mention the evangelistic work engaged in by several of the young men, during their summer vacation. They went out, two by two, into the adjacent provinces and labored a month or six weeks with, to them, very encouraging results. Several of the female members of the Church, under the lead of their teachers of the Woman's Union Mission, engaged very effectively also in these labors, primarily for their own sex until the opposite sex forced their way in to receive instruction on religious matters. Whenever there were male brethren present they deferred entirely to them. Since their return they still continue these labors, both sexes with their own sex, in various parts of the city and in the contiguous villages. Several volunteer laborers also have gone to various places to inaugurate Christian work or carry on that already begun. Two brethren, with myself, from time to time, have visited the little flock of eight believers at Hakone and Yamanaka. As the locality is beyond treaty limits, and I cannot obtain a pass to visit them, except on a physician's certificate of ill-health, I cannot expect to see them again before next summer. It is the desire of the Church here to keep a brother in the field there, but, as there is no one competent enough, except the members of the Theological class, and as we are unwilling to spare them from their studies, there has been no regular service maintained. Frequent calls too, from their relatives, in distant parts of the country, take away some of our best men for a season. Two are now absent, one to labor for the people of his own province and city, whither he has gone with a missionary, who has engaged to teach a secular school. The Elder and Theological students, also have preaching stations for Sab-

bath afternoon meetings. At Kanagawa, since my return from my summer missionary trips, I have maintained a Sabbath afternoon service, which has been fruitful of some twelve applicants for baptism.

Five deaths of Church members have occurred. The interments of all were accompanied in part with christian services, and some of them had exclusively a christian burial. The Government, through the judiciary of Yedo, made a rigid investigation of several of these cases, reprehended the Elders of the two Churches for the part they took in them, and has reserved its final decision. The Rev. Mr. Thompson and other missionary brethren have interested themselves in an endeavor to secure from the Government the privilege of christian burial for those desiring it. A memorial is to be drawn up by a Committee of the Japan Branch of the Evangelical Alliance, to be presented through the Foreign Ministers, in order to secure their co-operation in the efforts with the Japanese Government on this behalf and in favor of religious liberty for all the people of Japan. The events of the past year, manifesting so much of the Divine goodness to this Empire, make us feel that the time to publish liberty to all this people has fully arrived.

The Week of Prayer was preceded by a daily prayer meeting under the auspices of a Young Mens' Christian Association, started in this city on Nov. 23d, and which prayer meeting, as well as a Bible class on Sabbath, continues to be well attended. Many requests for prayer have been made, a very considerable interest among the young men awakened, and a few brought out on the Lord's side. The great benefit of the movement is in its general influence on the foreign community, the mercantile, the military and the sea-faring classes of residents, who have hitherto blocked up the channels of salvation. Indeed, the unconverted natives seem much nearer the Kingdom of heaven than many who come here from Christian lands.

We have every encouragement in the ability and consecration of the majority of our Church membership, which is largely composed of young men, who have been students of English, and in official positions. It is a matter of unfeigned joy in looking over the list of our Church members, which in connection with the Church in Yedo must number above 150, to reflect that of all of these no

one has walked, to our knowledge, in a way to bring disgrace or discredit on the Christian profession. No case of discipline has yet arisen, and none for severe reproof. Of those who have been taken from the Church on earth to join the Church in glory, all have given very satisfactory evidence of an implicit trust in the Saviour.

The readiness with which the people in many parts of the country flock to hear the gospel was evidenced by my preaching tour of last summer. Could one have the liberty to go everywhere preaching the gospel, there need be no limit to his success, save his own ability to hold forth the Word of Life. We desire facility to go freely to all parts of the country, proclaiming the truth, and lament that by treaty stipulations, and that with Christian nations, we are confined to pastoral duties at Yokohama.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

To the statement embodied in Mr. Ballagh's report, we add a few sentences from Mrs. Mary E. Miller, the faithful principal of this school. She writes:—"The school has numbered during the past year only twenty-five scholars. Several pupils left during the year to be married. The school is now growing again, and those who have recently entered are from eight to twelve years old, so that I am likely to keep them for some time. Two scholars have become Christians during the year.

"The rent of the house and the wages of the woman who takes care of it, also the expense of fuel, have been paid by the school, as well as a part of my jinri kisha hire.

"The pupils, as well as myself, were very much discouraged about ever having the building for a boarding-school. But now they are full of interest, and although the school is smaller than it was at one time it is in a better condition than it has ever been before."

The new building which is expected to add a great attraction to the school is probably completed. The cost of erecting it has been nearly met by special gifts from the ladies of the Church and from Sabbath schools.

There is nothing, under the care of your Board, in our judgment, superior in importance to this Girls' School at Yokohama.

THE NAGASAKI STATION.

The Rev Henry Stout reports :

The blessings of health in good measure have been enjoyed by all, and the work in which we have been engaged has been carried on without serious interruption. It has consisted of the study of the language, teaching, preaching and building.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolff joined the mission in February. From that time till the summer vacation we taught together the young men who came to us for instruction. Since the vacation Mr. Wolff has had sole charge of the instruction except that of one class in the Bible. He has small classes in both English and German. The latter study only the Bible. Five of the English pupils live in the boarding-house put up last year. One of these, Mr. Segawa, exercises a decided and wholesome influence over the others.

The facilities afforded for education by the Government schools are gradually becoming better than what missionaries can afford to give, so that general instruction in English will soon doubtless no longer be required. It is not sought at our hands, even now, as formerly.

The Sabbath school, which has continued for more than a year and a half, seeming to fail to interest, and becoming poorly attended, was closed with the close of the school for vacation. And it has not been thought advisable to open it again. It accomplished one important object in its existence—that is, in accustoming people to come together to hear the truth.

A regular preaching service on Sunday morning was maintained through the year in the school-house till the first of December, when the new chapel was completed, from which time an evening service also was commenced. The attendance at the school-house was from fifteen to thirty. At the chapel it was about double. We have observed the 'Week of Prayer' in connection with the Methodist Mission with interesting meetings, and are at present holding a nightly preaching service in the chapel, with a well filled house.

It is a pleasure to record the baptism of one young man, who was a pupil in the school for several months. His name is Oka Dempei. He witnessed a good profession, but on account of the illness of his mother was obliged to leave for his home in Osaka,

and has not returned. Two others of the young men baptized the year before left during the year; one is engaged in business in Osaka, the other was probably led away by influence brought to bear upon him by his friends. We fear it is not well with him.

Although we must render so meagre a report of actual results, yet we do feel sure, from manifest tokens, that the truth has made progress in the hearts of some at least of those who have come under the influence of the means of grace at our hands. One young man has lately professed his faith and asked for baptism, but on account of some political complications in which he is involved, it is thought best to defer his public profession. A few visits for preaching with satisfactory results have been made with Mr. Segawa to some of the villages near at hand.

A book store on the lot with the chapel was opened the first of December, but of course one month's workings need not be recorded in figures; suffice to say, that as much as was expected has been realized; and it is interesting to note the fact that some of those who have heard preaching come to get books afterwards.

In connection with the Methodist Mission, we have recently published a small hymn book, with the Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments. It is a great help, and excites quite an interest.

It became apparent to us that a more available place than our school house should be had for preaching; and after inquiry, and finding no place at all suitable, and the prospects of being able to get a place in the city being apparently as distant as ever, I took up a lot in the foreign settlement adjoining the native city, and commenced to build upon it.

The building was well under way when the typhoon occurred and left but a wreck of the half-finished structure. A loss of nearly two months' time, and over \$200 was the result. It is now, however, quite finished, and has, in addition to the original design, a cupola and bell, the gift of friends here. The bell is an old Buddhist temple bell, weighing 270 lbs, and notwithstanding its Buddhist origin and former use, proves a means of grace. The chapel is 28 by 50 feet, and has sittings at present for about 150 people, but can be so supplied with seats as to accommodate 200. It cost, with the furniture, book-store, fence, etc., about \$1,250.

GENERAL.

The Rev. G. F. Verbeck, D.D., continues in the positions occupied by him one year ago in the service of the Japanese Government, and is also giving instruction to a few young men who desire to become preachers of the gospel. His time on the Sabbath is quite filled up with the religious instruction of three or four classes of men of all ages.

The following extract from a recent letter by Rev. S. R. Brown, D.D., is worthy of record, as it presents an amazing change in a country that ten years ago was ruled by an absolute despotism. Dr. Brown writes as follows :

"It would require a long letter to tell of the diverse and numerous indications of change going on in this country. One thing particularly marks the new era upon which Japan has entered, as respects her civilization. I refer to the freedom of the press. I might say that the existence of a periodical press is itself a novelty here. There was not a newspaper in the country—that is, a Japanese newspaper—for years after the ports were opened, nor, indeed, until the late centralization of the Government, with its capital at Tokiyo. But the most remarkable feature of the change is the unchecked boldness and freedom of the press in its discussion of the political status, and of the acts of the Government.

"I have before me a paper containing articles on the question of permitting foreigners to travel in the interior, strongly advocating that such a right be granted. Another on 'Class Distinctions,' very severe in its criticisms upon the nobility and the (late) Samurai. The writer speaks in behalf of the farmers of Japan. These grandees and gentlemen are supported by pensions amounting to \$20,000,000 per annum, all of which comes out of the pockets of the tillers of the soil. These two millions of the aristocracy, which the farmers support, are charged with a wasteful expenditure of the hard earnings of the laborers, for various luxuries, including dancing girls, concubines, champagne and beer. There is too much truth in this complaint. Yet the Government does not silence the newspaper writers.

"Another article advocates the abolition of the Department of Religion, with its 97 officers, costing \$55,000 per annum. The writer styles that Department a 'superfluous' one. He says:

‘Religious belief is a matter which should be left to the free will of the people, and not even the Government has a right to interfere with this free will.’

“Another article treats of representative institutions, and is a sensible and temperate setting forth of a way to prepare for the ultimate establishment of a parliament or congress. Popular rights are the constant subject of discussion in the native papers.

I notice a statement in another article that is worth quoting, namely, ‘Christianity seems to be becoming popular and powerful, while our religions are moving in the opposite direction, and are decaying.’ A concession that is thus publicly expressed may well attract the attention of those who say that Protestant Missions effect nothing. Probably the intelligent natives of this country, such as the writer of this article, would scarcely say this, if the oft-repeated assertions of those who hate missions and missionaries were true. This writer, moreover, makes this distinct statement in an article advocating united effort on the part of all Japanese religionists to prevent ‘the entrance of foreign religions.’

“Thus we see how freely the people speak out through the new Japanese press, while the Government has as yet given no sign of discontent with the liberty thus taken. Is not Japan in advance of many European countries in this respect? The power of such a press cannot be estimated, and none better than the freemen of America can conceive what a force is thus brought to bear upon the onward movement of this people.”

III. INDIAN AGENCIES.

The Board has continued to superintend, as far as possible, the following Agencies: *Gila River Reservation*, of Pimos and Maricopas, numbering about 5,000; J. H. Stout, *Agent*; C. H. Cook, *Teacher*. The attendance at the two day schools has been about the same as during the previous year. A Sabbath school has also been taught during a considerable part of the year. Mr. Cook, who is an earnest member of the Methodist Church, has also preached quite frequently to audiences numbering from ten to one-hundred Indians. The desire on the part of these tribes for additional schools continues unabated. The Reserve depends on the Gila River for water to irrigate the fields. For a few years past, the supply has been so

limited as to compel the Indians to wander away from the Reserve to the Salt River country, in order to raise grain for food. But, during the past year, the supply from the Gila has been abundant, and the Indians have remained at home.

Colorado River Reservation, inhabited by the Mohaves, Cocopahs, Yumas, Chimehuevais, Hualapais—in all, about 1,500 souls; J. A. Tonner, M.D., *Agent*. Under the kind and able management of the Agent, the condition of these Indians has continued to improve. At the beginning of the year, the Mohaves only were upon the Reserve. Since then, the Hualapais have been successfully brought in from the mountains. As soon as suitable preparations can be made, the small bands of Cocopahs, Yumas and Chimehuevais will be brought upon the Reservation.

Rio Verde Reservation, for Apachés, Apaché Yumas and Apaché Mohaves, numbering about 2,000 souls; Oliver Chapman, *Agent*. For a part of the year, these Indians were restless and turbulent. The health of the Agent, Dr. J. Williams, failed, and he was compelled to resign. A change for the better occurred; the Indians became quiet and more obedient, and, under Mr. Chapman, a steady improvement was maintained. A few months ago these tribes were removed to San Carlos, and placed under the care of the Agent there.

Camp Apache Reservation, allotted to the White Mountain or Coyatero Apachés, numbering about 1,500 souls; Wm. E. Morford, *Agent*; Rev. J. M. Mickly, *Teacher*. During the year Mr. Roberts has been succeeded by Mr. Morford in the Agency; Mr. Mickly has not been long enough on the field to begin his work as a Teacher. The Indians have been well disposed and orderly.

San Carlos Reservation, inhabited by Pinal and Aravaipa Apachés and Tontos, about 1,300 in number; John P. Clum, *Agent*. For a short time, early in the year, these Indians were in conflict with the military. The outbreak was soon repressed. Mr. Clum has discharged the very trying duties of his position with courage and fidelity.

Camp Apaché and San Carlos are divisions of the large White Mountain Reservation, on which it is intended to settle all the Apachés of Arizona, and separate them as far as possible from the influence of a certain class of white men. A large proportion

of the Apachés wish to become farmers—to have houses of their own, and schools for their children. The Pimos and Maricopas plead earnestly for schools for their children. Another year has passed, and the Board has not been enabled by the Church to send a Missionary or Teacher to this very needy field.

IV. FINANCES.

The receipts of the year have been: From Churches, \$34,626 30; Sabbath schools, \$4,404 81; Individuals, through Churches, \$5,861 73; Individuals, not through Churches, \$1,628 47; Legacies, \$3,027 88; Miscellaneous Sources, \$4,700 76; Total, \$54,249 95. On comparison, it will be found that this total of receipts is \$1,103 less than that of the previous year; that the income from Sabbath schools has decreased \$1,271 80, that from Legacies \$3,155 66, and that from Miscellaneous Sources \$1,908 95. The contributions from the Church, however, have increased, namely: from Churches, \$4,013 96; and from Individuals, through the Churches or otherwise, \$1,369 45. The decrease in receipts from Miscellaneous Sources is due, chiefly, to the fact that nothing has been received during the year from the American Bible Society.

While it is an encouragement to see that there has been an increase in the gifts of the Churches, it is very depressing to notice that the unpaid obligations of the Board at the bank, which amounted to \$9,000 at the beginning of the year, have been increased, less the cash in the treasury, to \$24,000. We also mention, with great reluctance and regret, that the receipts of this year and the last are about \$10,000 below the average of the past ten years.

The appropriations for the year to come are as follows: For the Arcot Mission, India, \$28,010; for the Amoy Mission, China, \$11,760; for the Japan Mission, \$10,470; for Home Expenses, \$7,013; Total, \$57,253. If to this sum be added \$24,000, the amount now due at the bank, we have a total of \$81,253, to be raised before the 1st of May, 1876, if the treasury of this Board is to be relieved from the grievous embarrassments caused by a large indebtedness.

The Board is compelled to call the attention of the General Synod, and, through it, of the Church, to the fact, that no considerable reduction can be made in the appropriations, without serious injury to our work, and injury that can be repaired only by years of patient effort. Native helpers can be dismissed and schools closed, aggressive movements into the surrounding ignorance, degradation and wretchedness can be discontinued, and four or five thousand dollars a year be saved by these measures; but to dismiss a native helper is to turn away a selected, trained man—a man of experience—and to compel him to seek some other way to obtain a living for himself and family, and soon to lose him, permanently, from our service. It is surely not necessary to describe the evils that follow the breaking up of a Christian school—the only institution of the kind in the community in which it has been established. At the outset, this school encountered a bitter opposition; by patient kindness that has been overcome. The children once were brutal, sensual, ignorant and full of wickedness; they have been slowly, painfully often, trained to better thoughts and habits. The Teacher has been carefully prepared for his or her position, and has become gradually adapted to its peculiarities. To shut up such a school is a most unwise and injurious proceeding. If aggressive movements are discontinued, our Missionaries and helpers, and the Churches they have gathered, instead of being an army advancing to conflict, and, under God, to successive victories, will be a force beleaguered, subject to the trying and disheartening influences which beset those who are on every side besieged by hosts of enemies animated by the most bitter hatred. Such injuries should be prevented, if possible, by the exercise of all the power we can command.

The Board has carefully examined the estimates submitted by the Missions, has reduced them wherever it was possible, and, as the result, is to-day maintaining a work generally threefold greater than it was ten years ago, by an outlay fifteen hundred dollars a year less than that of ten years ago, after deducting the utmost that can be claimed from the decline in the cost of exchange. The Board is thoroughly convinced, that it does not ask too much from the seventy thousand members of this branch of the Reformed Church, when it calls upon them for sixty thousand dollars a year for the support of Missions that are the only Christian provision for millions

of perishing souls. The very moderate offering of twenty-five cents by every member of our communion, at the beginning of every three months, would not only enable the Board to meet its appropriations promptly and fully, but also to enlarge its operations. And this small sum has been denied to us during the past two years. Many among us can, and do, and will give a much larger sum, but, from some defect in organization, from some strange lack of interest, or some unaccountable—we are almost constrained to say culpable—remissness in presenting this most Christian work to too many of the congregations, we have fallen short of the reasonable and moderate demands made upon us. A comparison of the tabular statement of our Treasurer with the returns made to the Synod of membership, and the increase of membership by confession of faith, begets many humiliating thoughts, and should impel us to earnest prayer to God for the gift of more of the mind that was in Christ.

V. THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

The Board welcomes with gladness and thankfulness the formation of an auxiliary, destined, we believe, to render service of the greatest value. After meetings held in January and February, upon some of the most trying days of the last unusually inclement winter, characterized by a remarkably full attendance of those selected as Managers, a Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America was formed in a manner that gives promise of extensive usefulness. Already, although the work of this association is only fairly begun, it reports the organization of nearly twenty local societies, which have paid to its Treasurer or to the Treasurer of this Board more than \$2,000. This admirable beginning, the character of the officers who administer the affairs of the Woman's Board, the spirit and earnestness, the self-denial and courage which have marked every step of the proceedings, warrant us in believing that a new and continued impulse will be given by these Christian women to the great work so dear to the Board and to the Church.

VI. CONCLUSION.

The Board congratulates the Church upon the condition of its Missions in Asia. We awaited the reports from the Stations with a great deal of anxiety. Our missionary force had been sadly re-

duced. Rev. Wm. W. Scudder, D.D., had been constrained to return from Vellore by health seriously impaired; Rev. Silas D. Scudder, M.D., had been compelled to surrender permanently the exceedingly valuable medical work at Arcot; severe sickness had driven Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., away from the Mudnapilly field at a time when his presence seemed indispensable, and the Arcot Mission was most sadly crippled. At Amoy, in China, for a part of the year Messrs. Kip and Rapalje were our only representatives, constantly taxed almost beyond their strength simply to conserve what had been gained in previous years. An alarming illness prostrated the Rev. Dr. Brown at Yokohama, Japan, compelling him to leave his Station for a season and seek absolute rest, leaving Mr. Ballagh alone at this post. The Church had been deprived, during the whole or a large part of the year, of the services of men who had been many years in the field, who were familiar with the language and the habits of the people, who knew well what to do and how to do it, and who had won the respect, and confidence and love of even the heathen. In these circumstances we feared that the returns of the year would show a decrease in the membership of the Churches, tending to dishearten the Church at home. But we have the privilege to report, with thankfulness to God and great joy of heart, that there has been actually an increase, over all the losses by death and dismissions, of more than fifty communicants in these precious Churches. Such a result should strengthen our confidence in the work, in our agents, in the promises of God, and should incite us to more earnest efforts in the new year now before us.

The term of service of the following members of the Board will expire with this session of the General Synod:

Rev. W. H. Steele, D.D.,	Rev. T. B. Romeyn, D.D.
" A. R. Thompson, D.D.,	Mr. Sanford Cobb.
" J. McC. Holmes, D.D.,	" A. V. W. Van Vechten.
" Wm. R. Duryee,	" J. B. Brinsmade.

Adopted May 12th, 1875.

J. M. FERRIS,

Corresponding Secretary

GENERAL SUMMARY.

	CHINA.	INDIA.	JAPAN.	TOTAL.
Stations.....	1	8	2	11
Out-Stations	14	44	1	59
Missionaries	3	7	5	15
Assistant Missionaries.....	4	8	7	19
Native Ministers.....	3	3	.....	6
Catechists or Preachers.....	10	19	3	32
Assistant Catechists .....	.....	3	.....	3
Bible Readers.....	.....	20	.....	20
Schoolmasters	4	16	.....	20
Schoolmistresses.....	1	15	.....	16
Colporteurs.....	.....	11	.....	11
Churches.....	7	16	2	25
Communicants.....	535	738	96	1,369
Academies .....	.....	2	1	3
Academies, Scholars in.....	.....	94	25	119
Day Schools	5	38	2	45
Day Schools, Scholars in.....	91	972	70	1,133
Theological Students.....	4	.....	9	13
Dispensaries, with beds.....	1	1	.....	2
Patients treated in 1874.....	5,000	6,304	.....	11,304

TABULAR VIEW OF RECEIPTS

FROM

Churches, Sabbath Schools and Individuals.

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL.
Classis of Albany.				
Coeymans	\$71 66	.....	.....	\$71 66
Second Albany	326 27	\$50	.....	376 27
New Baltimore	114 19	81 44	.....	195 63
Fourth Albany	20	.....	.....	20
First Albany	1,828 38	.....	.....	1,828 38
First Bethlehem	85 13	4	.....	89 13
Second Bethlehem	46 10	.....	.....	46 10
Second Berne	18	.....	.....	18
Knox	23	.....	.....	23
New Salem .....	.....	33 50	.....	33 50
Union Church	12	.....	.....	12
Holland, Albany	7	.....	.....	7
Jerusalem	6 25	.....	.....	6 25
Westerlo	20	.....	.....	20
Third Albany .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarksville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Onisquethaw .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Bergen.				
First Hackensack	577	75	\$275	927
German, Hoboken	32 85	5 76	.....	38 61
English Neighborhood	25	.....	15	40
North Bergen .....	.....	.....	5	5
New Durham	118 54	6	2	126 54
Third Jersey City	9 08	.....	.....	9 08
Schraalenberg	31 58	.....	.....	31 58
Closter City	27 50	.....	.....	27 50
Third Hackensack	10	.....	.....	10
First Hoboken .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Hackensack .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Palisades .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Guttenberg .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central Ave., Jersey City .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Lee .....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL.
South Classis of Bergen.				
Bergen.....	\$368 95	\$48 03	\$55	\$471 98
Lafayette.....	352	98 91	31 75	482 66
First Van Voorst.....	284 78	150		434 78
First Bayonne.....	41 21			41 21
Central Ave., Jersey City....	13 50			13 50
South Bergen.....	50	20		70
Second Hudson City.....	12 68			12 68
First Jersey City.....	136 13			136 13
Free Jersey City.....	9	7 50		16 50
West End.....		10		10
Bergen Point.....	125			125
Third Bayonne.....				
Classis of Cayuga.				
Utica.....	666 75		10	676 75
Syracuse.....	189 77			189 77
Chittenango.....	34 28		38 64	72 92
Lysander.....	10			10
Owasco Outlet.....	58 82			58 82
Naumburgh.....	3			3
West Leyden.....	6			6
Owasco.....	13			13
Canastota.....				
Cicero.....				
New Bremen.....				
Thousand Isles.....				
Classis of Grand River.				
Kalamazoo.....	89 31			89 31
Spring Lake.....	13 80			13 80
Polkton.....			5	5
Classis of Geneva.				
Marion.....	25 67			25 67
Fair Haven.....	19 45			19 45
East Williamson.....	10			10
Tyre.....	20	12 70		32 70
Farmer Village.....	60 25			60 25
Lodi.....	53	10	5	68
Ithaca.....			5	5
Mina Corners.....	17 50	5 17		22 67
Geneva.....	65 81			65 81
Clymer.....	23			23
Pultneyville.....	17 63			17 63
Rochester.....	45 23			45 23
Arcadia.....				
Buffalo.....				
Cato.....				
Cleveland.....				

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS.	TOTAL.
Classis of Geneva.				
CONTINUED.				
Caroline.....				
Clymer Village.....				
Dunkirk.....				
Classis of Greene.				
First Coxsackie.....	\$43	.....	\$20	\$63
Roxbury.....	7	.....	.....	7
Kiskatom.....	18 05	6	.....	24 05
Prattsville.....	7	.....	.....	7
Second Coxsackie ..	100 61	15	.....	115 61
Leeds.....	30	.....	50	80
Catskill.....	.....	.....	5	5
Second Athens.....	5	.....	.....	5
First Athens.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moresville and Gilboa .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Holland.				
Ebenezer.....	15 56	.....	.....	15 56
Vriesland.....	64	.....	.....	64
Third Holland.....	49 70	.....	.....	49 70
First Holland.....	26 65	.....	.....	26 65
Fynaart.....	5	.....	.....	5
Zeeland.....	.....	.....	5	5
Overysseel.....	2	.....	.....	2
Classis of Hudson.				
Hudson.....	498 70	165 84	.....	664 54
Greenport.....	46 50	30	.....	76 50
Claverack.....	134 82	.....	60	194 82
Greenbush.....	60	.....	.....	60
Upper Red Hook.....	7 97	.....	.....	7 97
Linlithgo.....	12	.....	.....	12
Germantown.....	9 03	.....	.....	9 03
Second Claverack.....	67 63	67 40	.....	135 03
Taghkanic.....	10	.....	.....	10
Livingston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Illinois.				
Second Pella.....	5 50	.....	.....	5 50
First Pella.....	28 10	.....	.....	28 10
Third Pella.....	58	.....	.....	58
Somerset, Kansas.....	7 50	4	6	17 50
Spring Lake.....	4	.....	.....	4
Bushnell.....	23 85	.....	.....	23 85
Fair View.....	72 87	31	.....	103 87
Raritan.....	40	.....	.....	40
Pekin.....	11 50	.....	.....	11 50

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS.	TOTAL.
Classis of Illinois CONTINUED.				
Norris.....	\$5	.....	.....	\$5
Davenport.....				
Havana.....				
Bethel.....				
Leyden Centre.....				
Fourth Pella.....				
Am. Ref., Chicago.....				
Otley.....				
Orange City.....				
Norwood Park.....				
Irving Park.....				
Classis of Kingston.				
Rochester.....	70 73	.....	.....	70 73
Stone Ridge.....	38 69	.....	.....	38 69
New Paltz.....	204 12	48 19	58	310 31
Guilford.....	18 55	.....	.....	18 55
Clove.....	27 64	.....	.....	27 64
Second Kingston.....	.....	75	.....	75
Bloomington.....	8	.....	.....	8
Dashville Falls.....	.....	50	.....	50
North Marletown.....	20 22	32	.....	52 22
Hurley.....	61 58	44	.....	105 58
Rosendale.....	5	.....	.....	5
Samsonville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Classis of Long Island.				
East Williamsburgh.....	43 11	53 56	.....	96 67
South Bushwick.....	5 75	.....	22	22 75
Queens.....	36 63	75 85	.....	112 48
Sayville.....	11	.....	.....	11
Oyster Bay.....	64 06	.....	8 13	72 19
Astoria.....	134 45	66	30	230 45
Newtown.....	15	.....	14	29
Locust Valley.....	14 02	.....	.....	14 02
St. Peter's.....	14 50	5	.....	19 50
Jamaica.....	101 53	20	.....	121 53
Green Point.....	118 72	.....	.....	118 72
Flushing.....	70 26	40	.....	110 26
North Hempstead.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburgh.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Astoria.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Newtown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
College Point.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDU'LS	TOTAL.
South Classis of Long Island.				
Church on the Heights.....	\$2,118 80	.....	\$291 25	\$2,410 05
Flatbush.....	1,139 73	.....	314 25	1,453 98
New Utrecht.....	259 86	\$95	.....	354 86
East New York.....	52 25	25	.....	77 25
Flatlands.....	76 12	40	5	121 12
First Brooklyn.....	1,116 85	.....	1,100	2,216 85
New Brooklyn.....	10	.....	.....	10
Middle Brooklyn.....	103 55	.....	.....	103 55
New Lots.....	134 79	18 51	.....	153 30
Gravesend.....	48	39 50	.....	87 50
South Brooklyn.....	52 68	.....	.....	52 68
German, Flatbush.....	5 39	.....	.....	5 39
Twelfth Street.....	.....	.....	5	5
East Brooklyn.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rockville Centre.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Michigan.				
First Grand Rapids.....	9 20	.....	.....	9 20
South Bend.....	5	.....	.....	5
South Macon.....	10 70	.....	.....	10 70
Centreville.....	33 25	30	.....	63 25
Hope.....	21	.....	.....	21
Macon.....	17 44	.....	.....	17 44
Constantine.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Porter.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Monmouth.				
First Freehold.....	42 74	20	.....	62 74
Holmdel.....	86	6 60	.....	92 60
Second Freehold.....	51 50	.....	.....	51 50
Long Branch.....	12	8 41	.....	20 41
Keyport.....	25 35	.....	.....	25 35
Middletown.....	25	.....	.....	25
Colt's Neck.....	30	.....	.....	30
Spottswood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Montgomery.				
Fultonville.....	34 42	.....	.....	34 42
Mapletown.....	10 91	.....	.....	10 91
Fonda.....	191	26 50	.....	217 50
St. Johnsville.....	34 25	21 10	2 50	57 85
Mohawk.....	35 26	5	.....	40 26
Canajoharie.....	23 16	22	.....	45 16
Hagaman's Mills.....	20	.....	.....	20
Currytown.....	22 28	3 57	.....	25 85
Ephratah.....	10	.....	.....	10
Stone Arabia.....	10 30	.....	.....	10 30

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS.	TOTAL.
Classis of Montgomery.				
CONTINUED.				
Fort Plain.....	\$80 47	.....	.....	\$80 47
Florida.....	29 10	.....	.....	29 10
Glen.....	68 12	.....	.....	68 12
Port Jackson.....	7 65	.....	.....	7 65
Manheim.....	13 50	.....	.....	13 50
Indian Castle.....	1 50	.....	.....	1 50
Auriesville.....				
Columbia.....				
Fort Herkimer.....				
Henderson.....				
Herkimer.....				
Spraker's Basin.....				
Tillaborough.....				
Classis of Newark.				
North Newark.....	1,740 86	50	299 34	2,090 20
Second Newark.....	87 04	20 50	24 50	132 04
First Newark.....	531 34	.....	15	546 34
Stone House Plains.....	25	.....	.....	25
Belleville.....	101 35	52	.....	153 35
Franklin.....	10	.....	.....	10
Irvington.....				
West Newark.....				
Clinton Ave.....				
East Newark.....				
Linden.....				
Woodside.....				
Classis of New Brunswick.				
Middlebush.....	194 16	.....	.....	194 16
First New Brunswick.....	185 36	.....	61	246 36
Franklin Park.....	208 58	.....	150	358 58
East Millstone.....	31 79	.....	.....	31 79
Second New Brunswick.....	607 57	56	203 50	867 07
Millstone.....	123 10	.....	.....	123 10
Third New Brunswick.....	50	.....	8	58
Bound Brook.....	23 28	.....	.....	23 28
Metuchen.....	14 50	.....	3	17 50
Griggstown.....	59 64	.....	.....	59 64
Classis of New York.				
South.....	1,086 60	.....	.....	1,086 60
Collegiate.....	3,045 56	70	502	3,617 56
" 29th Street Chapel.	28 29	16 65	.....	44 80
" Knox Memorial...	40 25	.....	.....	40 25
" 54th Street Chapel.	4 50	.....	.....	4 50

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS.	TOTAL.
Classis of New York.				
CONTINUED.				
Port Richmond.....	\$193 48	.....	.....	\$193 48
Harlem.....	96 21	.....	.....	96 21
Holland.....	8 07	.....	5	13 07
Mebanesville.....	.....	.....	50	50
Ger. Evang. Houston Street..	100	90	.....	190
Prospect Hill.....	45	20	.....	65
Huguenots.....	9 50	.....	.....	9 50
Madison Ave.....	134 57	.....	.....	134 57
Thirty-fourth Street.....	60 07	30	.....	90 07
Bloomingtondale.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mott Haven.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fourth German.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brookfield.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Classis of New York.				
Brighton Heights.....	32 48	.....	.....	32 48
Bushwick.....	12 50	.....	.....	12 50
Washington Square.....	171	.....	100	271
German Ave. B. and 5th St..	5	.....	.....	5
Sixth Avenue.....	24 40	.....	.....	24 40
North Brooklyn.....	.....	.....	25	25
German, Norfolk Street.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Orange.				
Port Jervis.....	284 37	140 82	130	555 19
Newburgh.....	243 76	225	6	474 76
Ellenville.....	129 91	.....	.....	129 91
New Prospect.....	10 53	.....	.....	10 53
Montague.....	.....	5 70	.....	5 70
Berea.....	18	.....	.....	18
Wawarsing.....	26 87	28 85	39 29	95 01
Cuddebackville.....	17	.....	.....	17
Fallsburgh.....	4	.....	5	9
Callicoon.....	6	5	.....	11
Lower Walpack.....	12 07	.....	.....	12 07
Shawangunk.....	9 75	4	.....	13 75
Wallkill Valley.....	15	.....	.....	15
Bloomingtonburgh.....	20 25	.....	10	30 25
New Hurley.....	23 08	.....	.....	23 08
Upper Walpack.....	13 70	.....	.....	13 70
Walden.....	126 73	.....	.....	126 73
Montgomery.....	600	.....	.....	600
Claryville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fremont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grahamville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jeffersonville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Orange.				
CONTINUED.				
Kerhonkson				
Mamakating				
North Branch				
Classis of Paramus.				
Acquackanonk	\$255 10	\$200		\$455 10
Clarkstown	226 88		\$50	276 88
Nyack	163 46	75	133	371 46
Paramus	166 25			166 25
West New Hempstead	36 24			36 24
Tappan	32 95			32 95
Second Paterson	141	33 25	55	229 25
Spring Valley	19			19
Saddle River	68 65	14		82 65
Broadway, Paterson	216 38			216 38
First Holland, Paterson	3 70			3 70
Pascack		1 61		1 61
Piermont	75 50			75 50
Warwick	66 24			66 24
North Passaic	22 60	75		97 60
Ramapo				
Second Holland, Paterson				
Holland, Lodi				
Holland, Hohokus				
Holland, Passaic				
Classis of Passaic.				
Wyckoff	30	8 30	11 55	49 85
Pompton	68 06			68 06
Litt'e Falls	38 58	26 95	5	70 53
First Paterson	77 56			77 56
Ponds	7			7
Montville		25	20	45
Fairfield	20			20
Boardville	10			10
Boonton				
Sixth Paterson				
Pompton Plains				
Preakness				
Classis of Philadelphia.				
North and Southampton	139 48	40 16		179 64
First Philadelphia	166 39	50		216 39
Neshanic	65			65
Rocky Hill	94 83		20	114 83
Readington	142 95		252 50	395 45

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS.	TOTAL.
Classis of Philadelphia.				
CONTINUED.				
Harlingen.....	\$129	\$7		\$136
Clover Hill.....	17 30			17 30
Addisville.....	38 07	60 15		98 22
Fourth Philadelphia.....	50		\$10	60
Second Philadelphia.....	61 79			61 79
Blawenburgh.....	220			220
Third Philadelphia.....			25	25
Stanton.....	8			8
Fifth Philadelphia.....	32			32
Three Bridges.....	17	10 25		27 25
Classis of Poughkeepsie.				
Fishkill.....	25	80		105
Millbrook.....	111 07		140	251 07
Glenham.....	18 12	44 95		63 07
Fishkill-on-Hudson.....			40	40
Rhinebeck.....	188 63	30		218 63
Hyde Park.....	48 22			48 22
Cold Spring.....			10	10
Hopewell.....	56 43			56 43
First Poughkeepsie.....	279 36			279 36
Second Poughkeepsie.....	219 56			219 56
New Hackensack.....	40			40
Classis of Raritan.				
Second Raritan.....	168 65	80		248 65
Rockaway.....	133 45			133 45
Bedminster.....	213	12 50	123 03	348 53
High Bridge.....	44 30			44 30
Branchville.....	75 49	32 23	5	112 72
Lebanon.....		30 75		30 75
Third Raritan.....	131 43		25	156 48
Pottersville.....	47 24	25 45		72 69
Easton.....	250 55	66 85		317 40
Peapack.....	24 10	18 96		43 06
North Branch.....	30 62			30 62
First Raritan.....	60 68			60 68
Clinton Station.....				
Wilcox.....				
Classis of Rensselaer.				
Stuyvesant.....	88 57	5 20	85 10	178 87
Chatham.....	58 65	43 87		102 52
Schodack Landing.....	24 50	6 50		31
Kinderhook.....	639 90	184 74	30	854 64
Schodack.....	47 50			47 50

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS.	TOTAL.
Classis of Rensselaer. CONTINUED.				
Second Ghent.	\$13 60	\$26 57	.....	\$40 17
East Greenbush.	83 67	.....	.....	83 67
New Concord.	9 15	5 60	.....	14 75
Blooming Grove.	10 65	.....	.....	10 65
Nassau.	70	.....	\$38 40	108 40
Castleton.	60	.....	35	95
First Ghent.	40	10	.....	50
Stuyvesant Falls.				
Classis of Saratoga.				
Union Village.	64 44	.....	.....	64 44
South, West Troy.	109 41	.....	50 50	159 91
North, West Troy.	139 90	.....	.....	139 90
Saratoga. . . . .	.....	50	5	55
Fort Miller. . . . .	.....	12	.....	12
Cohoes.	75	.....	.....	75
Easton.	8 50	.....	.....	8 50
Boght.				
Buskirks.				
Gansevoort.				
Jackson.				
Northumberland.				
Rensselaer.				
Schaghticoke.				
Waterford.				
Wynant's Kill.				
Classis of Schenectady.				
First Schenectady.	96	.....	.....	96
First Rotterdam.	18	.....	5	23
Niskayuna.	47 46	6	.....	53 46
Lisha's Kill.	76 87	.....	5	81 87
Amity.	29 15	.....	.....	29 15
First Glenville.	107 55	.....	.....	107 55
Second Schenectady.	6	22	.....	28
Helderbergh.	35	.....	.....	35
Second Glenville.	15 37	.....	.....	15 37
Princeton.	4 26	12 42	3	19 68
Cranesville.	4 50	.....	.....	4 50
Second Rotterdam.				
Classis of Schoharie.				
Middleburgh.	15 82	.....	.....	15 82
Berne.	24 55	.....	.....	24 55
Schoharie.	5 97	.....	.....	5 97
Sharon.	10	.....	.....	10
Gallupville.	5 98	.....	.....	5 98
Beaver Dam.				

CLASSES AND CHURCHES	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS.	TOTAL.
Classis of Schoharie.				
CONTINUED.				
Lawyersville				
Schoharie Mountain				
North Blenheim				
Breakabin				
Gilboa				
Eminence				
Classis of Ulster.				
First Kingston	\$373 02	\$84 19	\$160	\$617 21
Flatbush	48 09	15 50		63 59
Dashville Falls	2 45			2 45
Shokan	12 75			12 75
North Esopus	27 71			27 71
Wiltwyck	5 50	60 54		66 04
Caatsban	43 25	27		70 25
Saugerties	517 33		92	609 33
Woodstock	8 50			8 50
Plattekill	40 50	8 25		48 75
Shandaken	3 50			3 50
Blue Mountain				
Esopus				
West Hurley				
Classis of Westchester.				
West Farms		53 65		53 65
Bronxville	95 35		90	185 35
Yonkers	225	100	50	375
First Tarrytown	87 35			87 35
Fordham	49 66			49 66
Unionville	22 35			22 35
Mount Vernon	106 32			106 32
Hastings-on-Hudson	80 43			80 43
Courtlandtown	16 87			16 87
Greenville	32			32
Second Tarrytown			100	100
Greenburgh				
Melrose				
Peekskill				
Classis of Wisconsin.				
Franklin ...	26		5	31
Two Rivers	5 95		30	35 95
Foreston	34			34
Gibbsville	35 60			35 60
Holland	41 65		5	46 65
Alto			1	1
Greenleaf			16	16
Holland, Nebraska	10			10

INDIVIDUALS NOT THROUGH CHURCHES.

J. H. Righte, New York . . .	\$10	E. Hendrickson, Brooklyn, L. I. \$10	
H.	24	Ella Berg, Missionary Box, 2161,	
Mrs. Howard	1	Philadelphia	5
Lambda	200	A. W. M., Brooklyn, L. I.	5
A. C. Van Duyne, Pine Brook,		Cornelius Clement, Hudson Mich	10
N. Y.	25	Missionary Patch of Katie Mad-	
Mrs. —, Elizabeth, N. J. . . .	5	derom, Calumet, Ill	2
Owen Van O'Linda, Holland,		Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, D.D. . . .	25
Michigan	2	Rev. Wm. Brush, Newark, N. J. .	5
Rev. P. I. Quick.	25	Children's Missionary Patch,	
A Friend of Missions.	10	Calumet, Ill.	5
L. A. W.	5	Mrs. A. C. Kip, N. Y. City . . .	07
Rev. John Forsyth, D.D. . . .	50	W. W. Kip, Esq., N. Y. City . .	50
Simon Shindler, Elizabeth, N. J.	50	Rev. Ford Morris, Bushnell, Ill. .	5
A Friend	5	A Friend, Brooklyn, L. I.	1
Rev. G. F. Verbeck, D.D., Yoko-		Faith at work	25
hama, Japan.	357	Gift of the late W. F. Muchmore,	
L. N. P., Boonton, N. J. . . .	5	Astoria, L. I.	25
R. L.	40	Mrs. John Skillman, Brooklyn,	
Mrs. Charlotte Ward, Rahway,		L. I.	100
N. J.	10	A Friend, Brooklyn, L. I.	5
Henry H. Voorhis, Spring Valley		Jacob Polhemus, Astoria, L. I. .	20
N. J.	5	A Minister's Widow in the Class-	
A Lady, silver,	65	is of Ulster.	10
Rev. J. H. Wyckoff	150	A Friend of the Cause, Kings-	
A. Tysseling, Pella, Iowa . . .	1	ton, N. Y.	1
S. M. S., Middlebush, N. J. . .	10	D. T. Blauvelt, Tarrytown, N. Y	25
G. A. C., New Brunswick, N. J.	10	Rev. H. M. Scudder, D.D. . . .	30 75
A Workman, Pella, Iowa. . . .	17 50	A. Quick, Baritan, N. J.	10
Rev. H. F. Schnellendreußler. .	10	Mrs. Rhynsburger's Class, S. S.	
Mrs. T. E. Annis, Holland, Mich.	10	Pella, Ill	2 50
A Friend	10	Mrs. G. B. Walbridge, Brooklyn	
Miss. Box 1191, Tarrytown, N.Y	12	L. I.	5
Rev. A. M. Mann, D.D.	10	Miss Clara M. Jansen.	5
Missionary Box, 653.	5	Pittsford, Mich.	10
A Friend of the Cause.	15	X. P.	50
Rev. J. R. Lente.	1	From a Friend.	5
Jennie Lennox's Missionary Box,			
Brooklyn, L. I.	4 98	Total	\$1,628 47
Cash	10		

Miscellaneous.

*Classes of Holland, Wisconsin and Grand River	\$1,577 51
Young Men's Scudder Union and Friends, Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, L. I.	250
Premium on specie	19 87
Interest	1,889 59
Sabbath school in the barn, Squam Beach, N. J.	5
Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co. return Premiums.	37 20
Funds of deceased little girl.	13 25
Clifton Union Sabbath school Missionary Union.	33 34
Young Ladies Missionary Circle New Centre, N. J.	150
American Tract Society.	400
Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.	325
Total	<hr/> \$4,700 76

Legacies.

Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D.	\$2,500
John F. Ward.	514 58
Interest on Bequest, Millstone, N. J.	13 30
Total	<hr/> \$3,027 88

* The following particulars were received too late to be inserted under the Classes :

Classis of Holland. Beaverdam, \$19 45, Drenthe, \$25, Ebenezer, \$9, Fynaart, \$4 15, Graafschap, \$21 61, First Holland, \$72 80, Jamestown, \$10, North Holland, \$37 67, Overijssel, \$57 28, Saugatuck, \$15 37, Zeeland, \$80 50.

Classis of Grand River. Fremont Centre, \$5, First Grand Haven, \$16 75, Grand Rapids, \$101 60, Grandville, \$20, Kalamazoo, \$27 17, Muskegon, \$49 72, Spring Lake, \$35 40.

Classis of Wisconsin. Alto, \$37 25, Bethlehem, \$27, Chicago, Y. M. C. A., \$25, Franklin, \$18, Fulton, \$35, Holland, \$66, High Prairie, \$40, Holland, Nebraska, \$15 51, Milwaukee, \$8, Oostburg, \$19 40, Silver Creek, \$321 06, South Holland, \$58.

Montague Society, Holland, Michigan, \$20, Teunis Tilleman, Randolph Centre, Wis., \$8 75, Bethel Missionary Society, Pella, Iowa, \$16, N. N., Rochester, N. Y., \$6, P. Huizer's Family Box, Zeeland, Mich., \$2, Ladies Prayer meeting, Holland, Mich., \$10 80.

RECEIPTS FROM CLASSES.

CLASSES OF SYNOD. OF New York.	CHURCH CON- TRIBUTIONS.	FROM SABBATH SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDU- ALS.	TOTAL.
Hudson.....	\$846 65	\$263 24	\$60	\$1,169 89
Kingston.....	454 53	249 19	58	761 72
North Long Island.....	629 03	260 41	74 13	963 57
South Long Island.....	5,118 02	218 01	1,715 50	7,054 53
New York.....	4,852 10	226 51	507 50	5,586 11
South New York.....	245 38	.....	125	370 38
Orange.....	1,561 02	409 37	190 29	2,160 68
Poughkeepsie.....	986 39	154 95	190	1,331 34
Westchester.....	715 33	153 65	240	1,108 98
Albany.	\$15,408 45	\$1,935 33	\$3,160 42	\$20,504 20
Albany.....	\$2,577 98	\$168 94	.....	\$2,746 92
Cayuga.....	981 62	.....	\$48 64	1,030 26
Geneva.....	357 54	27 87	10	395 41
Greene.....	210 66	21	75	306 66
Montgomery.....	591 92	78 17	2 50	672 59
Rensselaer.....	1,146 19	282 48	188 50	1,617 17
Saratoga.....	397 25	62	55 50	514 75
Schenectady.....	440 16	40 42	13	493 58
Schoharie.....	62 32	.....	100	162 32
Ulster.....	1,082 60	195 48	252	1,530 08
Chicago.	\$7,848 24	\$876 36	\$745 14	\$9,469 74
Grand River*.....	\$103 11	.....	\$5	\$108 11
Holland*.....	162 91	.....	5	167 91
Illinois.....	256 32	\$35	6	297 32
Michigan.....	96 59	30	.....	126 59
Wisconsin*.....	153 20	.....	57	210 20
New Brunswick.	\$772 13	\$65	\$73	\$910 13
Bergen.....	\$831 55	\$86 76	\$297	\$1,215 31
South Bergen.....	1,393 25	334 44	86 75	1,814 44
Monmouth.....	272 59	35 01	.....	307 60
Newark.....	2,495 59	122 50	338 84	2,956 93
New Brunswick.....	1,497 98	56	425 50	1,979 48
Paramus.....	1,493 95	398 86	238	2,130 81
Passaic.....	251 20	60 25	36 55	348
Philadelphia.....	1,181 81	167 56	307 50	1,656 87
Raritan.....	1,179 56	266 74	153 03	1,599 33
	\$10,597 48	\$1,528 12	\$1,883 17	\$14,008 77
Total.....	\$34,626 39	\$4,404 81	\$5,861 73	\$44,892 84

*See receipts under Miscellaneous.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

*The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America
in account with the Treasurer.*

Dr.

ARCOT MISSION.

April 30th, 1875.

To cash paid drafts, &c.....	\$28,684 60	
“ paid on account of Mission.....	6,970 84	
		<hr/> 35,655 44

AMOY MISSION.

To cash paid drafts, &c.....	\$14,614 35	
“ paid on account of Mission ...	235 67	
		<hr/> 14,850 02

JAPAN MISSION.

To cash paid drafts, &c.....	\$13,561 99	
“ paid on account of Mission ...	2,508 01	
		<hr/> 16,070
To cash paid Cor. Secretary's salary.....	\$3,000	
“ Bookkeeper's salary.....	500	
“ Incidental expenses.....	737 28	
“ Traveling expenses.....	100 50	
“ Rent of office.....	700	
“ Postages.....	154 70	
“ account of the “Gospel Field”.....	500 04	
“ Japanese balance of account.....	394 15	
		<hr/> 5,996 67
“ Notes.....	16,000	
“ Interest on Do.....	1,751 73	
		<hr/> 17,751 73
“ Balance in Treasury		3,009 44
		<hr/> \$93,333 30

Cr.

April 30th, 1874.

By Balance in Treasury last report..... \$1,583 35

April 30th, 1875.

By cash received from Churches	\$34,626 30	
“ “ Sunday schools.....	4,404 81	
“ “ Individuals through Churches..	5,861 73	
“ “ “ not through Churches	1,628 47	
“ “ Legacies.....	3,027 88	
“ “ Miscellaneous sources	4,700 76	
	<hr/>	54,249 95
“ borrowed from Banks.....		37,500
		<hr/>
		\$93,333 30
Loss by Exchange.....	\$6,069 91	

Invested in U. S. Bonds:

James Suydam Fund.....	\$10,000
G. Mandeville Fund....	5,500
Warren Ackerman Fund.....	10,000
General Security Fund.....	5,643
Holland and Wisconsin Classes Fund.....	2,357

\$33,500

New York, April 30th, 1875.

A. V. W. VAN VECHTEN, *Treasurer pro-tem.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America; and have compared them with the vouchers, and find the same correct, showing a balance due the Board of Three thousand and nine dollars and forty-four cents.

JAMES A. WILLIAMSON, }
D. JACKSON STEWARD, } *Auditing Com.*

New York, May 15th, 1875.

NOTE.—The Incidental Expenses were as follows: Printing Annual Report, &c., \$382 64; Care of office and occasional clerk hire \$67 86; Missionary Boxes, \$63 60; Porterage and Express, \$44 70; Stationery, \$29 23; Freight and Insurance, \$27; P. O. Box, Gas, Fuel, \$33; Tax on legacy, \$50; Sundries, \$39 25; Total \$737 28.

THE
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLICATION
OF THE
Reformed Church in America,
PRESENTED TO THE
GENERAL SYNOD,
AT
Jersey City, N. J., June, 1875.



NEW YORK:
BOARD OF PUBLICATION
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,
34 VESEY STREET, CORNER OF CHURCH,
1875.

REPORT

OF

Board of Publication

THE close of the present fiscal year calls for the Twenty first Annual Report, which the Board of Publication herewith respectfully presents to the General Synod. The cloud of bereavement has again overshadowed the Board. The year had scarcely opened when the oldest member, Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D., senior pastor of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York city, was suddenly removed from the scenes of earth to the rest and the reward of heaven.

The Board gratefully records its sense of appreciation of his worth, and its sincere tribute to his memory. His best eulogy is found in his consistent Christian walk, his conscientious industry in his Master's service, and his true devotion to that branch of Christ's Church in which he was reared, and to which his life-long labors were given. For many years Rev. Dr. De Witt filled the chair of President of this Board, and showed a warm interest in its prosperity. Until overcome by infirmities, he was regular in his attendance at its meetings. His courteous demeanor, his discriminating judgment, and his liberal benefactions were marked features in his relations to the Board. At the ripe age of eighty-two, "full of honors and of years," "like a shock of corn in his season," he was gathered into the Master's garner.

DEPOSITORY.

The Depository remains under the supervision of Rev. William Ferris, whose experience and skill are given to its careful and prudent management.

1. SALES DEPARTMENT.

Continued financial depression has stimulated to sharp competition. As the result, some book establishments have been compelled to succumb to the pressure they could not withstand. It is, therefore, pleasing to find that the total of receipts in our business department, instead of falling behind, is slightly in advance of that of last year. The amount received from sales is \$10,434.28. This sum, however, is far below what it should and might be.

Various causes operate to the disadvantage of our Depository, and serve, in a measure, to explain its limited patronage:

1. It is not as fully known as it should be that our stock embraces a much wider range of publications than our own issues. It comprises some of the best works, exegetical, doctrinal, devotional, and practical from other publishing houses, together with a selected assortment of books and other requisites for Sunday schools. The Publishing Agent has a standing advertisement to this effect in the "Sower and Gospel Field," and also a notice in our Catalogues.

2. It needs to be more generally understood that any works, theological or literary, not directly in our line, whether American or foreign, may be ordered through our Depository, thus saving our friends the trouble of applying to other book stores, while, at the same time, increasing our patronage.

3. There is an impression with some that our terms are less advantageous than at other places. This, we beg leave to say, is a misconception. A few small works, published especially for the use of our Reformed Church, and commanding a more limited circulation, have necessarily, a somewhat advanced price. A uniform discount of *twenty-five per cent.* is made to ministers, theological students, and Sunday schools, on all goods purchased on which the publishers allow such discount. We are studious to meet every reasonable demand, and to prevent disappointment in filling orders. Delays, however, are sometimes unavoidable.

Our sales room, at one period, made so near an approach to self-sustentation, that it is confidently believed, were our Churches generally to give it their united support, it would not only reach an independent footing, but, through its surplus funds, become the contributor to enlarged undertakings.

2. PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT.

There has been no want of manuscripts for publication. Some of those placed at the disposal of the Board have been purchased under the conviction that such is their worth the Board ought not to lose the opportunity of issuing them as soon as practicable. Their authors, restive under delay, anxiously inquire what are the prospects of their speedy publication. It is to be regretted that treasures of truth which give promise of much good, if sent forth in book form, are thus kept from fulfilling their mission. But the Board can not accomplish impossibilities. To publish books without funds is an impossibility.

The Publishing Agent's Report herewith incorporated will show, in detail, what has been done during the year.

The sermons of Rev. A. R. Thompson, D.D., and Rev. David Cole, D.D., delivered before the General Synod at its last session, have been published by request of the Synod.

The Memorial Sermon of Rev. T. W. Jones, pastor of the Reformed Church, Fonda, N. Y., and the Sermon of Rev. Professor Woodbridge, D.D., on "FAITH."

An edition of the New Constitution.

The first volume of the "VEDDER LECTURES," delivered before the students of the College and Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, N. J., by Rev. J. S. Hartley, D.D., of Utica, N. Y.

The Life of REV. HENRY OSTRANDER, D.D., who, a short time since, passed away in the fullness of his years, after an active and honorable ministry in the Reformed Church, together with selections from his sermons, has been prepared by Rev. W. R. Gordon, D.D., and issued with the imprimatur of the Board.

Among our reprints for the year we notice only those admirable "primaries," "*Milk for Babes*," and "*Bread for Children*." The plates for these works have been generously donated by their author, S. B. Schieffelin, Esq., the steadfast friend and supporter of the Board. The rapid sale of the first issue shows the estimation in which they are held, and their adaptation to the class for which they have been prepared. Mr. S. has also donated the plates for a new and revised edition of his earlier work, "FOUNDATIONS OF HISTORY."

3. DISTRIBUTING DEPARTMENT.

There is no lack for openings where all the available material the Board can command may be used to advantage in gratuitous distribution. Many pastors, especially those in mission fields, find in our Publishing Board just the "helping hand" they need in their multiform phases of Christian work. "I am very thankful to you," writes a missionary to the Secretary, "for the interest you have always manifested and the help you have been so ready to give in my work in the West." The help given was in supplying his infant Church with hymn books and the Sunday school, at different times, with a library. "Your Board shall have our first collection," writes another. "The people feel very grateful to you, and are making excellent use of the library." Similar extracts from many more letters could be added, showing that the grants made by the Board are as welcome as they are timely. In the early stages of church organization, and in the no less trying struggle to resuscitate old enterprises, the Board is often able to render efficient aid. Applications, couched in the most touching words, come from the people who have been drained almost to the last dollar to provide for themselves a place of worship or to pay some pressing indebtedness. To such the gift of a supply of hymn books for the "Songs of the Sanctuary" is almost a miracle of mercy.

The Board has been called upon more frequently than usual during the year to donate libraries for Sunday schools, which is one of the best investments of its benevolent capital. A few of these needy schools are found near us, but most of them are located in the moral wastes of the Great West. Our Holland brethren, pioneer representatives in the fields they occupy, and liberal in proportion to their means, are—many of them—as needy as they are worthy. Their children, organized into Sabbath schools in which the English language is used, need English books. The Board has, in no instance, failed to respond to appeals made in their behalf, feeling that they have a peculiar claim upon our sympathies. Thus to care for our youth is to cast the salt into the fountain.

Humane and charitable institutions continue to be remembered in the grants made by the Board. To some of these the Sower and Gospel Field is regularly sent at their request, while to others books and tracts are donated.

The following are among the places which have received supplies from the Board during the year, viz: Ramapo, Fordham, Waikill Valley, College Point, West End, Fort Lee, Holland Church Paterson, South Bend, Overysse, Third Church Holland, First Chicago, East Saugatuck, Norwood Park, Zeeland, Apache Indians, Arizona, Kansas Penitentiary, Brooklyn Jail, Roosevelt Hospital, Widows' Home, Washington.

II. RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

By reference to the Treasurer's Report, it will be seen that the sum total of receipts from all sources, \$5,808.89, does not differ, materially, from the amount received in the previous year. While there has been a falling off in some quarters, in others there has been an increase in the contributions, especially when the opportunity has been secured for the presentation of fresh facts to the people by the visits of the Secretary. The fact that the simple statement, clearly and faithfully made, of the wants and working of the Board, seldom fails to awaken interest and elicit a liberal response, shows what enlarged results might be expected were the Churches generally stimulated to vigorous co-operation through their pastors.

Prostration of business, so prevalent in almost every branch of industry, unquestionably affects the aggregate of receipts for benevolent purposes. Nor has the Board yet recovered from the paralyzing effect of unfriendly legislation by the General Synod two years since. When we recall that action, is it surprising that the stream of benevolence which flows into our treasury runs so low? Added to all these adverse influences, a new disturbing element has been introduced during the year in the action taken by some of the Classes, and in the discussions which have appeared in the public papers. These causes, in their cumulative effect, could not fail to agitate the Churches, to weaken the bond of sympathy, and even to excite distrust. It is refreshing to find, however, that there are many active supporters of the Board who have a clear understanding of its position, and whose confidence in its sound, judicious management is unimpaired. It is hoped that the prompt, intelligent action of the General Synod will be such as to restore confidence throughout our borders, and place the Board upon a higher vantage ground than ever.

III. SOWER AND GOSPEL FIELD.

If success is proof of an existing want, then the "SOWER AND GOSPEL FIELD" is a necessity. Last year's Report shows an increase in its circulation. This year is a still greater gain. Scarcely a week passes without adding to the list of subscribers. Our Paper is distributed over an increasingly wide field. The present circulation, including gratuitous supplies, is *seven thousand five hundred*.

A slight advance has been made in the terms of subscription to cover the prepayment of postage now required by law. These terms, however, fall considerably short of the cost of production. In the judgment of the Board, which has a dual aspect, partly commercial and partly benevolent, it is thought preferable to furnish the paper at a low rate, notwithstanding the annual loss thus entailed. It is among its chief agencies in doing good, reaching, as it does, large masses not likely to be reached by a more expensive sheet. Conversions have been reported as the blessed result of reading its articles. Its admirable expositions of the Sunday school lessons are the minister of God's Word to the young, thus aiding in carrying out Christ's command, "*Feed my Lambs.*"

Were the present issue doubled, with no increase of the terms, it would become, what it ought to be, self-supporting. A little more earnest effort by our patrons and friends, and this desirable result will be reached.

At a Conference held in Richmond, Va., December 31st, 1874, between the Committee of the Board of Publication of the Southern Presbyterian Church and the Committee of our Board, it was agreed that the following proposition be presented to the General Assembly of that Church and to your Reverend body, asking that they will respectively permit the consummation of the matter referred to, viz: "The '*Sower and Gospel Field*' shall be merged with the '*Earnest Worker*,' to be printed at New York and published simultaneously at New York and Richmond. '*The Children's Friend*' shall be adopted by both Boards; shall be printed at Richmond and published simultaneously at Richmond and New York. Both these periodicals to be jointly edited on such plan as shall be arranged between the two Boards hereafter."

In accordance with this proposition, your Board respectfully ask permission to carry out its details.

PUBLISHING AGENT'S REPORT.

The Board has published during the year ending May 1st, 1875 :

1. A Sermon preached before the last General Synod by Rev. A. R. Thompson, D.D. Pages 16. Copies 7,000.
2. A Sermon preached before the last General Synod by Rev. David Cole, D.D. Subject, "*Offerings to the Lord.*" Pages 26. Copies 4,000.
3. A Sermon by Rev. J. W. Jones. Pages 20. Copies 500.
4. *The Twentieth Annual Report of the Board*, rendered 1874. Pages 12. Copies 2,500.
5. *The Minutes of the General Synod held June, 1874.* Pages 292. Copies 1,400.
6. *The Constitution of the Reformed Church in America.* 18mo. Pages 70. Copies 1,000.
7. *Milk for Babes* A Catechism for Young Children. By S. B. Schieffelin. 18mo. Pages 170. Copies 2,000.
8. *Bread for Children.* By the Same. 18mo. Pages 180. Copies 1,000. This is a Catechism for children and youth, and is a concise and comprehensive arrangement of the plan of human redemption as taught in the Bible.
9. *Milk for Babes* and *Bread for Children* bound in one volume. 18mo. Pages 254. Copies 1,000.
10. *Faith.* Its True Position in the Life of Man. By Rev. S. M. Woodbridge, D.D. 12mo; cloth. Pages 24. Copies 1,000.
11. *The Vedder Lectures for 1874.* Prayer, and its Relations to Modern Thought and Criticism. By Rev. I. S. Hartley, D.D. 12mo; Cloth. Pages 258. Copies 1,000. This volume is the first of an Annual Series of Lectures on *Modern Infidelity*, to be delived in accordance with the bequest of Mr. Nicholas F. Vedder, of Utica, N. Y.
12. *The Foundations of History.* By Mr. S. B. Schieffelin. 12mo; Cloth. Pages 264. Copies 200.
13. *Life and Sermons of Henry Ostrander, D.D.* By Rev. W. R. Gordon, S.T.D. 12mo. Pages 426. Copies 500.
14. *Scripture Lessons.* 4 Editions. Copies 2,000.

15. *Leaflet for Scripture Reading.* Copies 500.
 16. *Musical Leaflets.* Copies 1,000.
 17. *The Sower and Gospel Field.* 24 editions. Pages 8.
 Copies 177,800.

REPRINTS OF FORMER EDITIONS.

3 Editions of bound volumes. Copies 2,500.

SALES ACCOUNT.

Amount of Sales from May 1st, 1874, to May 1st, 1875	\$10,434.28
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SOWER AND GOSPEL FIELD.

Cost of Paper and Printing.....	\$4,100.50	
“ Mailing and Postage.....	237.75	
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Total cost.....	\$4,338.24	
Amount of cash received.....	3,324.52	
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“ Deficiency.....		\$1,013.73

DONATIONS.

Amount in books and tracts.....	\$825.26
“ of Sower deficiency.....	1,013.73
“ Drawn by Life Members.....	58.00
“ “ “ 1874.....	71.00
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Total.	\$1,967.99

LIABILITIES.

Amount of Funded debt.....	\$5,468.72
“ due on Bank Account.....	5,158.30
“ “ Bills payable.....	3,600.00
“ for Rents.....	875.00
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Total.....	\$15,202.02

CREDITS.

Amount on book accounts.....	\$6,487.00
“ in United States Bonds.....	1,200.00
“ of Balance in Treasury	89.18
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Total	\$7,776.18
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Total indebtedness.....	\$7,425.84

The items *Stock* and *Fixtures* we have omitted in the present report:

First. For lack of time, since the close of the fiscal year, to complete the inventory.

Secondly. We have always considered it the most unsatisfactory part of our Report. The plan upon which these items were made up, has compelled us to carry forward from year to year a large amount of what is in reality depreciated, or dead stock, the value of which is not easily estimated.

Thirdly. We find that other Societies and Boards do not report these items. We have examined the reports of the Bible Society, American Tract Society, Presbyterian Board of Publication, and others, and find no Stock and Fixtures reported.

If this item is to be continued in the Reports, it will be necessary to have the inventory taken before the first of May. The Stock and Fixtures need to be carefully overhauled, and that which is useless disposed of, and the value of the remainder carefully estimated and entered as usual in the books of the Board.

In fact, the Board having now been in existence twenty-one years, needs a thorough re-organization. The Business Department must be returned to the cash system. A reference to the Statistical Report will prove that we have too many open accounts, both in the *debtor* and credit sides of the ledger. The book trade generally has adopted the system of monthly settlements; and under the present system of doing business, it is the only method by which the business can be conducted with safety.

WM. FERRIS,

Publishing Agent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

May 1, 1875.

Dr.

To cash paid for Merchandize.....	\$6,606.33
“ “ The Sower and Gospel Field.....	3,590.00
“ “ “ “ “ Expense...	237.75
“ “ Expenses.....	4,416.26
“ “ Salaries.....	5,857.00
“ “ Bills payable	1,200.00
“ Balance in the Treasury May, 1875.....	89.18
Total	<u>\$21,996.52</u>

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By balance in the Treasury May 1st, 1874	\$864.86
By cash from Churches, Sunday Schools and Individuals:	
For General Purposes.....	\$3,498.71
“ Life Membership.....	907.47
“ Capital and Endowment.....	549.46
“ Sunday School Distribution.....	507.25
“ Foreign Missionary Publications.....	46.00
“ Publishing the Vedder Lectures.....	300.00
Total from Churches, &c.....	<u>5,808.89</u>
By cash for Merchandize.....	8,001.77
“ “ Sower and Gospel Field.....	3,324.54
“ “ Expenses.....	1,996.46
“ “ Bills payable.....	2,000.00
	<u>\$15,322.77</u>
Total.....	<u>\$21,996.52</u>

WM. FERRIS. *Treasurer.*

SYNOD'S ROOMS, May 22d, 1875.

This certifies that the Finance Committee of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in North America, has this day examined the books of the Treasurer, with the vouchers, and find the same correct. The balance in the Treasury May 1, 1875, being eighty-nine $\frac{18}{100}$ dollars.

J. S. BURR, *Chairman of Finance Committee.*

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

From the Treasurer's Report we gather the following as the items of expense for conducting the business of the Board from May 1st, 1874, to May 1st, 1875 :

For rent of Synod's Rooms	\$3,500.00
" Salary of Corresponding Secretary.....	\$2,500.00
" " Publishing Agent.....	2,250.00
" " First Clerk.....	790.00
" " Second Clerk.....	317.00
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Total Salaries.....	5,857.00
For interest and discounts.....	\$529.90
" Traveling and Office expenses of Secretary	154.70
" Sower and Gospel Field, Expenses, Mail-	
ing, &c.....	237.75
" Incidental expenses.....	231.66
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Total.....	1,154 01
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Total expense account.....	\$10,511.01
Less amount received from the other Boards for rent and	
expenses.....	1,996.46
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Balance expense account.....	\$8,514.55

CAPITAL AND ENDOWMENT.

The amount raised for Capital and Endowment to May
1st, 1875.....\$22,021.23

CONCLUSION.

While laboring under disadvantages, the Board has been studiously faithful to the interests intrusted to its care. To test its working capacity it must have adequate resources at its command. The time for decisive action on this point has fully come. There needs a more thorough identification of the whole Church with its work. If the Reformed Church would keep pace with other evangelical bodies, and be known as an aggressive Church, she must

adopt their policy and make the most of her Publishing Board. It is earnestly hoped, in view of the memorial herewith presented to the General Synod, that its deliverance will be given with a clearness and emphasis of utterance that will show its deep conviction of the importance of this department of church work, and make it a power for good beyond any precedent in its history.

The term of office of the following members expires June 1st, 1875:

Rev. A. R. Thompson, D.D.,	Mr. Thomas M. Gopsill,
“ John Forsyth, D.D.,	“ David D. Smith,
“ J. Paschal Strong,	“ Ditmas Jewell,
“ W. B. Merritt,	“ J. Hageman.

J. A. LANSING, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Adopted May 24th, 1874.

THE
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA
CONVENED IN THE SECOND REFORMED CHURCH IN THE CITY
OF KINGSTON, N. Y., ON WEDNESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF
JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT
HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX, AND ADJOURNED ON THURSDAY,
THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, AT SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Charles Scott, President of the last Synod, who also preached the Synodical Sermon on the evening of the first day of the Session, from Matthew 16: 3. "But can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.*

From the Particular Synod of New York.

From the Classis of Arcot.—Ministers, Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., Jared W. Scudder, M.D.

From the Classis of Hudson.—Ministers, A. J. Sebring, John McC. Holmes, D.D., T. S. Dusiaberre. Elders, E. L. Demarest, Allen Rossman, Stephen H. Shutts.

From the Classis of Kingston.—Ministers, Wm. N. Todd, Philip Peltz, D.D., Augustus Blauvelt, D.D. Elders, Ira Deyo, Hon. T. R. Westbrook, William Smith.

From the North Classis of Long Island.—Elder, F. A. Lancashire.

From the South Classis of Long Island.—Ministers, A. P. Stockwell, David Inglis, D.D., J. A. Lansing, D.D. Elders, Hon. John A. Lott, Theodore Sturges.

From the Classis of New York.—Ministers, John Forsyth, D.D., G. H. Mandeville, D.D., T. W. Chambers, D.D., M. S. Hutton, D.D., Wm. Ormiston, D.D. Elders, William Bogardus, Jas. Anderson, M.D., S. B. Schieffelin, Hon. Horatio P. Allen.

From the Classis of Orange.—Ministers, W. H. Gleason, W. E. Turner, John DuBois. Elders, Clark Decker, Thomas Jessup, Jacob Tears, Henry Bergen, Hon. John Lyon.

* *Arrived on the Second Day.*—Ministers, W. V. V. Mabon, G. H. Mandeville, T. W. Chambers, Graham Taylor, Henry N. Cobb, John R. Allen, J. A. H. Cornell, Sanford H. Cobb, A. Kriekard, William C. Stitt, John C. Cruikshank. Elders, T. R. Westbrook, G. A. N. Ackerman, Isaac M. Dederer.

Arrived on the Third Day.—Ministers, William Ormiston, Jacob Weber, J. S. Joralmom. Elder, G. H. Van Mater.

Arrived on the Sixth Day.—Minister, J. Howard Suydam. Elders, William Smith, Evert G. Van Wagner, G. P. Reeves, W. R. P. Jones, Horatio P. Allen, John Lyon.

Arrived on the Seventh Day.—Elder, Daniel Vedder.

Rev. John Forsyth was succeeded by his secundus, Rev. G. H. Mandeville, on the second day.

Rev. John N. Jansen was succeeded by his primarius, on the second day, but was continued in office as Clerk *pro tem*.

Rev. Cornelius Blauvelt was succeeded by his secundus, Rev. C. Van Santvoort, on the eighth day.

From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.—*Ministers*, Graham Taylor, Henry N. Cobb, A. P. Peeke. *Elders*, Edmund Luyster, Evert Van Wagner.

From the Classis of Westchester.—*Ministers*, John Knox Allen, David Cole, D.D., William Brush. *Elder*, G. P. Reeves.

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

From the Classis of Albany.—*Ministers*, W. J. Skillman, J. L. Zabriskie, J. A. H. Cornell, D.D. *Elders*, W. H. Wagoner, E. T. Van Slyke, Wm B. Hull.

From the Classis of Cayuga.—*Ministers*, William A. Wurts, Jacob Weber. *Elder*, John Patterson.

From the Classis of Geneva.—*Ministers*, J. W. Warnshuis, J. Whitbeck. *Elders*, J. Van Doorn, Peter Rapelyea.

From the Classis of Greene.—*Ministers*, J. B. Thompson, D.D., B. Van Zandt, D.D., J. C. Garretson. *Elders*, W. H. Van Orden, Wm. H. Brandow.

From the Classis of Montgomery.—*Ministers*, Wm. B. Van Benschoten, Richard A. Pearse, Thomas Walker Jones, John Minor. *Elders*, James Yawney, Joseph H. Parks, Jacob Hees.

From the Classis of Rensselaer.—*Ministers*, Wm. C. Fowler, Wilson Ingalls, George A. Mills. *Elders*, Alfred Ostrom, G. D. Curtis.

From the Classis of Saratoga.—*Ministers*, George I. Taylor, John G. Smart. *Elder*, Asahel Gilbert.

From the Classis of Schenectady.—*Ministers*, Ashbel G. Vermilye, D.D., John A. DeBaun, William H. Phraner. *Elders*, Jacob V. Vrooman, Cornelius A. Lansing, Daniel Vedder.

From the Classis of Schoharie.—*Ministers*, S. W. Roe, D.D., Wm. C. Handy. *Elder*, P. Z. Swart.

From the Classis of Ulster.—*Ministers*, Cornelius Blauvelt, Sanford H. Cobb, William S. Moore, C. Van Santvoord. *Elders*, Wm. M. Brink, Jeremiah Wolven.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

From the Classis of Michigan.—*Ministers*, Charles Scott, D.D., Peter Moerdyk, A. H. Van Vranken.

From the Classis of Illinois.—*Ministers*, A. V. Gulick, A. G. Lansing, W. B. Gilmore, J. S. Jorammon.

From the Classis of Holland.—*Ministers*, D. Broek, Wm. Moerdyk, James F. Zwemer.

From the Classis of Wisconsin.—*Ministers*, M. N. Steffens, J. H. Karston, A. Buursma.

From the Classis of Grand River.—*Ministers*, N. Kiekintveld, A. Kriekard.

From the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

From the Classis of Bergen.—*Ministers*, W. R. Gordon, D.D., W. V. V. Mabon, D.D., J. Howard Suydam. *Elders*, Isaac D. Demarest, James Gardner, W. R. P. Jones.

From the South Classis of Bergen.—*Ministers*, Charles D. Buck, Isaac P. Brokaw, W. W. Halloway, Jr. *Elders*, Edward L. Nichols, John V. R. Vreeland.

From the Classis of Monmouth.—*Ministers*, C. S. Hageman, D.D., A. C. Millspaugh, Elias Mead. *Elder*, G. H. Van Mater.

From the Classis of Newark.—*Ministers*, Henry Vehslage, C. R. Blauvelt, W. J. R. Taylor, D.D. *Elders*, Hon. W. H. Kirk, S. R. W. Heath.

From the Classis of New Brunswick.—*Ministers*, E. T. Corwin, D.D., James LeFevre. *Elders*, Peter A. Voorhees, David G. Thomas, Jacob Wyckoff.

From the Classis of Paramus.—*Ministers*, F. H. Vanderveer, D.D., John H. Duryea, D.D., Ferdinand S. Schenck, William C. Stitt. *Elders*, J. N. Terhune, G. I. Blauvelt, G. A. N. Ackerman, Isaac M. Dederer.

From the Classis of Passaic.—*Ministers*, John C. Cruikshank, James E. Bernart, James Demarest. *Elder*, J. P. Westervelt.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—*Minister*, Wm. B. Voorhees. *Elder*, G. S. Voorhees.

From the Classis of Raritan.—*Ministers*, Charles T. Anderson, Wm. Bailey, John A. Davis. *Elders*, Christopher Tiger, B. M. Polhemus.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. John McC. Holmes was elected *President*; Rev. John B. Thompson was elected *Adressor*; Rev. A. Paige Peeke and Rev. John N. Jansen were elected *Clerks, pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Regular Meeting of the Synod were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On the Professorate.—*Ministers*, Wm. R. Gordon, E. Tanjore Corwin, J. H. Karsten. *Elders*, Samuel B. Schieffelin, W. H. Kirk.

On Overtures.—*Ministers*, David Cole, M. S. Hutton, Aug. Blauvelt. *Elders*, S. R. W. Heath, Theodore Sturges.

On Synodical Minutes.—*Ministers*, James LeFevre, C. D. Buck, S. W. Roe. *Elders*, William Brink, Stephen H. Shutts.

On Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund.—*Ministers*, C. S. Hageman, John H. Duryea, Peter Moerdyk. *Elders*, Wm. Bogardus, Isaac D. Demarest.

On Foreign Missions.—*Ministers*, W. H. Gleason, Isaac P. Brokaw, W. W. Halloway, Jr. *Elders*, Jacob Hees, Alfred Ostrom.

On the State of Religion.—*Ministers*, David Inglis, James Demarest, George A. Mills. *Elders*, E. L. Demarest, Christopher Tiger.

On Education.—*Ministers*, W. V. V. Mabon, T. S. Dusingberre, John A. Davis. *Elders*, Thomas Jessup, Ira Deyo.

On Judicial Business.—*Ministers*, Philip Peltz, A. V. Gulick, C. R. Blauvelt. *Elders*, B. M. Polhemus, W. H. Brandow.

On the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds.—*Ministers*, Thomas W. Jones, A. G. Lansing, W. A. Wurts. *Elders*, John N. Terhune, Clark Decker.

On Publication.—*Ministers*, A. G. Vermilye, J. W. Scudder, W. B. Voorhees. *Elders*, David G. Thomas, Henry Bergen.

On Nominations.—*Ministers*, A. J. Sebring, W. H. Phraner, W. J. Skillman. *Elders*, Jacob Wyckoff, Edmund Luyster.

On Correspondence.—*Ministers*, W. J. R. Taylor, Charles Scott, W. C. Handy. *Elders*, E. L. Nichols, W. H. Van Orden.

On Accounts.—*Ministers*, M. Kiekintveld, William Bailey, W. C. Fowler. *Elders*, J. V. Vrooman, E. T. Van Slyke.

On Leave of Absence.—*Ministers*, A. H. Van Vranken, A. P. Stockwell, J. W. Warnshuis. *Elders*, J. Van Doorn, G. S. Voorhees.

On the Board of Direction.—*Elders*, John A. Lott, James Anderson, Allen Rossman, Garret I. Blauvelt, Peter A. Voorhees.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate :

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in the James Suydam Hall, at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 16, 1876, at noon, and adjourned on Wednesday evening.

The Rev. Philip Peltz opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev. Charles I. Shepard was elected President, and Rev. Wm. R. Duryee, Clerk, *pro tem*.

The following members were present.

From the Particular Synod of New York.

Rev. C. I. Shepard,	Elder J. C. Newkirk,
Rev. J. Elmendorf,	Elder John Lyon,
Rev. Philip Peltz,	Elder Gardner A. Sage,
Rev. C. L. Wells,	Elder S. B. Schieffelin,

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

Rev. Isaac S. Hartley,	Elder Wm. H. Rainey.
Rev. A. F. Munn,	
Rev. J. B. Drury,	

From the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

Rev. Chas. H. Pool,	Elder Peter A. Voorhees,
Rev. Herman C. Berg,	Elder John W. Ferdon,
Rev Wm. R. Duryee.	

From the report of the Faculty it appears that the following students have been members of the Theological Seminary :

Senior Class.

Frederic E. Allen,	Abraham J. Martine,
John W. Conklin,	Isaac S. Schenck,
George H. Cleveland,	Alexander G. Van Aken,
James S. N. Demarest,	Ira Van Allen,
Henry De Vries,	Herman Vanderwart,
Howard Harris,	Jacob O. Van Fleet,
Walter W. Killough,	W. Gordon F. Wallace,
Milton R. Kirkpatrick,	Chas. S. Wright.

Middle Class.

Ralph Watson Brokaw,	George DeWitt Lydecker,
Titus Elwood Davis,	Sipko Rederus,
Ernest Gutweiler,	Samuel Streng,
Charles W. Higgins,	David M. Talmage,
Cornelius Kriekard,	Jacob Van Halteren,
Charles H. T. Kruger,	Daniel Van Pelt.

Junior Class.

Robert K. Barr,	John Oppie,
James Edward Graham.	Philetus Theo. Pockman.
Walter Timothy Griffin,	Andrew V. V. Raymond,
Hendrick H. Hendrickson,	John H. Salisbury,
Harry L. Janeway,	John Preston Searle,
James Kemlo,	George D. Slocum,
Louis John Lockwood,	Oliver Harris Walser,
Benjamin V. D. Wyckoff.	

Mr. Van Halteren of the Middle Class was obliged to leave the Seminary early in the year by severe illness. By the latest accounts he is improving and it is hoped he may resume his studies another year. With this exception the health of the students has been so good that there has been no serious interruption in study.

The testimony of the Faculty to the gentlemanly and Christian deportment of the students, their general assiduity and their spirit of earnest devotion, gives the Board great pleasure. The Board expresses its sincere sorrow for the death of Rev. Dr. Garretson, and with the Faculty of the Seminary feels that his ripe Christian experience, overcoming faith, and ardent devotion to the Redeemer and his Church, combined with great geniality and affectionateness in his intercourse with the students, which won their hearts and stimulated their piety, deserve abiding record.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Board puts on record its deep sense of the loss sustained by the removal by death of Rev. John Garretson, D.D., Rector of Peter Hertzog Theological Hall; that the deepest sense of his worth to the Church is associated with a tender remembrance of those Christian graces which shone so beautifully in his life. Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyke has been appointed Rector in place of Dr. Garretson. The Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall presented their report, which was accepted, and referred to a Special Committee, whose report was adopted. The Report of the Standing Committee will be presented in printed form to the General Synod.

The report announced the death of David Bishop, Esq., a member of the Committee, of whose valuable and faithful service it makes merited mention.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That this Board unite with this Committee in regret at the loss of so valued a coadjutor, and in testimony to his Christian worth and efficient services.

The dedication of the new "Gardner A. Sage Library" took place June 4th, 1875. This Library already demonstrates its value through the numbers who have availed themselves of its facilities for study, and as its treasures increase it will be growingly appreciated.

The following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That once again the Board extend to Mr. Gardner A. Sage their thanks for his continued liberality and unwearied efforts for the prosperity of the Theological Seminary.

With regard to the "Committee on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall," the following was adopted :

As this Committee expires by limitation this year, it will be for the General Synod to determine whether it will be continued in its present form, or agreeably to the design of Synod in reorganizing the Board of Superintendents in 1872, become an integral part of that Board. Assuming that in consistency with former acts the latter course will be adopted, we propose the following members of the Board to serve as Executive Committee, to be called the "Standing Committee on Seminary buildings." to take the place of the present "Committee on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall : " viz.: Elders Gardner A. Sage, Jno. W. Ferdon, Peter A. Voorhees and Rev. Chas. I. Shepard, and Wm. R. Duryee.

In case General Synod should wish to continue the mode of constituting this Committee as at present existing, we agree with them that the style and title of the Committee should be conformed more nearly to its true functions ; hence we would recommend that it be styled, "The Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary Buildings."

Expressing again the high appreciation of the work done by the Committee, we would devolve upon the wisdom of General Synod all legislation as to the future.

The address to the students was delivered on Wednesday evening by Rev. Joachim Elmendorf.

JOACHIM ELMENDORF, *Chairman*.

A Memorial was received from the Standing Committee, on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, and also three Overtures from the Classis of Albany, Geneva and Passaic, on the subject of the organization of the Board of Superintendents, read, and laid on the table to be taken up in connection with the discussion of that subject, which was fixed for the morning of the third day of the session. They were at that time taken from the table and considered.

An application was received from the Classis of Orange for a dispensation on behalf of Mr. Jesse F. Shafer and Mr. Richard P. Milliken, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An application was received from the South Classis of Long Island, for a dispensation on behalf of Mr. Jacob Whitehurst, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An application was received from the Classis of Paramus, for a dispensation on behalf of Mr. Isaac E. House, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An application was received from the Classis of Schenectady, for a dispensation on behalf of Mr. John G. Lansing and Mr. Sydney O. Lawsing, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A Memorial from the Board of Publication, asking permission to appoint a Corresponding Secretary at a salary of five hundred dollars, was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

A Memorial was received from the Classis of Westchester, on the subject of Church Psalmody, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A Memorial was received from the Classis of Montgomery, on the subject of preaching on the Heidelberg Catechism, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An Overture was received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, on the subject of Liturgy, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

An Overture was received from the Classis of Hudson, on the subject of the taxation of Church property, and referred to a special Committee, to report to the next General Synod, consisting of Elders, John A. Lott, S. R. W. Heath, William Bogardus, Frederick T. Frelinghuysen and Robert H. Pruyn.

A Petition was received from the Conference of German Ministers of the Reformed Church in America, for a German translation of the Revised Constitution, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

A Communication was received from the Particular Synod of Chicago, on the subject of Missions, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

A Communication was received from Rev. T. Romeyn Beck, on the subject of Theological instruction at Hope College, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A Communication was received from Rev. H. D. Ganse, resigning his appointment as Vedder Lecturer, on account of his removal from the Reformed Church, and his resignation was accepted.

A Communication was received from Mr. Peter R. Warner, resigning his position as President of the Board of Direction, the consideration of which was temporarily deferred. It being stated, however, that the resignation of Mr. Warner was final and irrevocable, it was, on motion, reluctantly accepted.

The following resolution was then adopted, unanimously, and by a rising vote.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be hereby tendered to Mr. Peter R. Warner, for his long and faithful services in the Board of Direction, and that we add the fervent prayer that he may be abundantly rewarded by the great Head of the Church.

A Communication was received from Augustus H. Bruyn, Esq., and Mrs. Forsyth, inviting Synod to a reception at their house on Tuesday evening, June 13th. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Rev. Dr. Chambers, on behalf of the Consistory of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, presented an invitation to the Synod, to hold its next regular session in the Church corner of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street, which was accepted with thanks.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The Annual Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

The Board of Direction of General Synod would report :

That there has been received toward the endowment of the Thomas De Witt Professorship one hundred dollars.

And, as directed by the last Synod, there has been paid to the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall Committee the sum of five thousand dollars, being the balance of the legacy of the late Jacob H. Ten Eyck to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

There has been received from the estate of Hylah Hasbrouck, deceased, five thousand dollars, for the endowment of a Scholarship, to be known as "The Louisa Hasbrouck Scholarship."

There has been received from the estate of Charles Burroughs, deceased, two hundred and fifty dollars, for the maintenance of aged and infirm Ministers.

There has been received from the executor of the estate of John Clark, deceased, the sum of ten thousand dollars, being a legacy to the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, which sum has been divided by the Board between the Widows' Fund and the Disabled Ministers' Fund, subject to the approval of the Synod.

There has been received from Gardner A. Sage a gift of seven hundred dollars, for the support of Hertzog Hall.

WIDOWS' FUND.

This fund amounts to \$45,360.13. The collections from churches and individuals during the past year, including a part of the legacy of the late John Clark, amount to \$6,464.11. Annuitants have been paid from the income of the fund for the six months ending May 1st and November 1st, amounting in the aggregate to \$2,296.01.

Three annual subscribers have withdrawn from the fund the proportion of their former subscriptions to which they were entitled by the rules of the fund.

In the report of the Board made last year the attention of the Synod was called to the condition of the "Vedder Lecture Fund," and the deficiency of income to pay for the services rendered in the previous spring under the provisions of the gift. It is understood that the deficiency was provided for by private contributions.

From the best information that can be obtained, it is believed that by the failure of the Toledo and Wabash Railway Company, the bonds given by Mr. Vedder have become worthless; and that, consequently, no further interest has been received on said bonds, nor is there any hope for income from that source for the future.

An application has been made to the Board to release a party from an obligation, which, if complied with, will cause an addition of \$2,426.99 to the debt of the Synod, unless some measure can be devised by which such a result can be averted. As the Board does not feel authorized to comply with the request, they would present the subject for the consideration and action of the Synod.

When seeking contributions for various objects, Rev. Dr. Cornell obtained a note for \$10,000 from Mrs. Board, an aged widow lady, for repairs at New Brunswick. On account of said note she has paid \$4,200, leaving a balance of \$5,800 unpaid. On this balance she has paid some interest, and, could she have sold a portion of her property some two or three years ago, she would doubtless have paid said balance. Believing that the note would be fully paid, and that, until paid, interest would be received thereon, the Board advanced on account of said note the above named sum of \$2,426 $\frac{99}{100}$ to the Hertzog Hall Committee for Repairs.

The financial difficulties which have prevailed for two or three years past have prevented a sale of her property, from which, when giving her note, she had expected to realize the funds to pay the same. This disappointment, and the alleged failure of other of her resources, has placed her, as she states, in such a position, financially that she cannot pay said balance, and therefore asks the return of her said note.

And as Mrs. Board gave \$3,000 toward the increase of the Library, and has paid \$4,200 on account of said note—together \$7,200—as gifts to the Synod, and in consideration of her advanced age, and the evident perturbation of mind under which she is laboring from erroneous impressions which have recently arisen in her thoughts, or been suggested to her by others, in relation to her gift, the Board would recommend to the Synod to direct a compliance with her request.

Should the Synod sustain the recommendation, it is hoped that they will make provision for raising the amount which has been advanced on her note, that the debt may not be increased by its surrender.

The Board would call the attention of the Synod to the appointment at their last meeting of Mr. Brower for one year. Under the classification of the Board, made in compliance with the resolution

of Synod, adopted in June, 1871, the term of Mr. Brower would expire in 1873. The action of Synod in 1872, in removing him from the Board, suspended him from the operation of said resolution, and he has since then been appointed annually. By rescinding their action of 1872, at their last meeting, Mr. Brower was brought again under the resolution of 1871, and, to conform thereto, he ought to have been chosen for three years, so that his term would expire in 1878, according to the original classification.

It is suggested to Synod to make the appointment at their present meeting for the balance of the term which was allotted to him.

At the present time there are not sufficient funds in hand, belonging to the Permanent Fund, to pay the salaries of the Professors due June 1st.

The term of service of John Van Nest will expire at this meeting of the Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. R. WARNER, *President*.

GARDNER A. SAGE,	} <i>Directors.</i>
JOHN VAN NEST,	
WM. H. STEELE,	

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer*.

New York, May 31, 1876.

The following documents, viz.: Treasurer's Annual Account, Annual Digest, List of Securities belonging to General Synod, List of Real Estate, List of Endowed Scholarships, Education Fund Account, Education Fund Income Account, Widows' Fund Account, Widows' Fund Income Account, Hope College Endowment Fund, Hope College Income Account, Disabled Ministers' Fund Account, Disabled Ministers' Income Account, Expense Account, Estimate of Expenses for the current year, Van Benschoten Fund Account, and Knox Fund Account, (the two last named from the Treasurer of Rutgers' College) were received also and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, except the papers relating to the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, which were referred to the Committee on those Funds, and that part relating to vacancies which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

*The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America in
account with JOHN I. BROWER, Treasurer.*

1875.	Dr.	
May 17	To Cash paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, for six months' interest to 1st inst., on amount of invested scholarships.....\$3,065 88 for six months' interest to 1st inst. on Parochial School Fund..... 465 11 for six months' interest to 1st inst. on Hope College Endowment Fund. 658 84	\$4,189 83
18	paid Annuities from the Widows' Fund for the six months ending 1st inst..... paid the following professors in the Theological Seminary, balance of the quarter's salary due 1st March last, viz: Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.,..... 350 Rev. John De Witt, D.D..... 350 Rev. Sam'l M. Woodbridge, D.D.... 350	1,228 50
June 2	paid appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund	1,050
1	paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., for one quarter's salary, due this day.....	1,350
9	paid insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	1,050
	paid Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, for traveling expenses.....	183 75
	paid salary of Stated Clerk of Board of Superintendents, one year and expenses.....	396
	Minute book for the Board.....	26 40
	paid expenses of meeting of General Synod.	7 50
	expenses during the year of Stated Clerk of General Synod	61 91
15	deposited in United States Trust Co.....	9 06
24	Professor Tayler Lewis, LL.D., for delivering a course of lectures before the students of the Theological Seminary and the students of Rutgers College at New Brunswick, N. J., on "The Present Aspects of Modern Infidelity, including its cause and cure."	5,000
	Amount carried forward.....	350
		\$14,902 95

1875.	Dr.	
	Brought forward	\$14,902 95
June 28	To Cash paid Corresponding delegates for traveling expenses.	260 73
30	paid the following professors in the Theological Seminary for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst viz:	
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D. 750	
	Rev. John De Witt, D.D. 750	
	Rev. Sam'l M. Woodbridge, D.D. . . . 750	
		2,250
July 1	paid estate of Harriet V. V. Mabon annuity, from the Widows' Fund.	84
2	paid insurance on three professorial dwellings	90
26	paid Rev. Alex. McKelvey amount withdrawn from the Widows' Fund	15
Aug. 3	deposited in United States Trust Co	10,000
9	paid Rev. Andrew B. Taylor amount withdrawn from the Widows' Fund	195
14	deposited in New York Life Insurance and Trust Co	12,000
23	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, on account of bequest of James Suydam, deceased, received from his executors, as follows: seven hundred dollars on account of bequest of \$20,000 for repairs and improvements of the buildings and grounds of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J. . . . 700	
	seven hundred dollars on account of bequest of \$20,000 for the maintenance and support of the James Suydam Hall, deducting \$315 50 for insurance paid on said Hall, in Nov., 1874, as per resolution of General Synod in June last.	383 50
		1,083 50
	the above being equivalent to six months' interest on said bequests to July 1, 1875.	
Sept. 1	paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., for one quarter's salary, due this day.	1,050
9	paid for printing 200 Annual Reports and Treasurer's account.	13 50
	paid the following professors in the Theological Seminary on account of the quarter's salary, due 1st inst., viz:	
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D. 500	
	Rev. John De Witt, D.D. 500	
	Rev. Sam'l M. Woodbridge, D.D. . . . 500	
		1,500
	Amount carried forward.	\$43,444 68

1875.	Dr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$43,444 68
Sept. 14	paid traveling expenses of Corresponding delegate.....	92
16	paid traveling expenses of Corresponding delegate.....	33 16
17	paid C. E. Crispell, D.D., interest on the Endowment Fund of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich., as salary, in accordance with resolution of General Synod in June, 1874.....	52 49
18	paid appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	150
20	paid John R. Smith, Treasurer Board of Domestic Missions, proceeds of the sale of the "Hymns of the Church" for the Church Building Fund.....	114 50
23	paid the following professors in the Theological Seminary, balance of the quarter's salary due 1st inst., viz: Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D. \$250 Rev. John De Witt, D.D. 250 Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D. D. 250	750
25	paid insurance on buildings connected with Hope College.....	18 50
30	paid appropriation from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	75
Oct. 6	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for Library purposes.....	4,000
14	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, five thousand dollars, being the balance of the bequest of the late Jacob H. Ten Eyck to the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Protestant Church, at New Brunswick, N. J., to be applied by said Committee to the use of said Seminary, being in accordance with resolution of General Synod in June, 1875.....	5,000
15	paid insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.....	77 27
	paid loan on bond and mortgage.....	5,000
Nov. 4	paid annuities from the Widows' Fund.....	983 51
10	paid Board of Education, per F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, for six months' interest to 1st inst., on amount of invested scholarships 2,930 For six months' interest to 1st inst. on Hope College Endowment Fund..... 635 For six months' interest to 1st instant on Parochial School Fund..... 420	3,985
Amount carried forward.....		\$63,776 11

1875.	Dr.	
	Brought forward	\$63,776 11
Nov. 11	To Cash paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D. D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod	250
	paid sundry appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.	1,750
23	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, interest on legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog	681 25
	paid salary of Janitor of said Hall	100
	paid for fuel.	20
		801 25
26	paid insurance on the James Suydam Hall,	271 50
27	paid Rev. C. E. Crispell, D. D., expenses in collecting funds towards the endowment of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich.	160
	paid amount received toward payment of his salary	42
		142
Dec. 1	paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D. D., for one quarter's salary due this day.	937 50
3	paid Gardner A. Sage, amount borrowed from him on 14th September last	750
7	paid Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D. D., for one year's salary as Permanent Clerk of General Synod.	100
	paid expenses for two years.	5
		105
10	paid the following professors in the Theological Seminary, on account of the quarter's salary due 1st inst., viz:	
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D. D.	400
	" John De Witt, D. D.	400
	" Sam'l M. Woodbridge, D. D.	400
		1,200
27	paid amount loaned on bond and mortgage ..	20,000
30	paid the following professors in the Theological Seminary, balance of the quarter's salary due them 1st inst., viz:	
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D. D.	\$350
	" John De Witt, D. D.	350
	" Sam'l M. Woodbridge, D. D.	350
		1,050
1876.		
Jan. 6	To Cash paid insurance on the Gardner A. Sage Library Building on the library and furniture in said building, and on the furniture in the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.	43 62
	Carried forward	\$91,076 98

1876.	Dr.	
Jan.	Brought forward.....	\$91,076 98
7	To Cash deposited in United States Trust Co.....	2,373 47
14	paid the following Theological Teachers at Hope College, the proportion of the amount appropriated by the Board of Education towards payment of their salaries as per resolution of General Synod in June last, viz : Rev. Chas. Scott, D.D.....\$200 " C. E. Crispell, D.D..... 200 " J. Romeyn Beck..... 200	600
24	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, for library purposes.....\$3,000 also amount received on account of the bequest of the late James Suydam of \$20,000, for repairs and improvements of the buildings and grounds of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., being equivalent to six months interest on said bequest..... 700	3,700
Feb.	1 paid Rev. P. Peltz, D.D., amount withdrawn from the Widows' Fund.....	150
4	paid John R. Smith, Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions, proceeds of the sale of "The Hymns of the Church" for the Church Building Fund.....	190 82
23	paid John C. Elmendorf, Esq. Treasurer of Rutgers College, for one year's interest on donation of Col. Henry Rutgers of \$5,000 \$350 paid for semi annual dividends on 10 shares Bergen Turnpike Stock.... 13	363
March	3 paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., for one quarter's salary due 1st inst.	1,050
6	paid the following professors in the Theological Seminary on account of the quarter's salary due 1st inst., viz : Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.\$425 " John De Witt, D.D..... 425 " Saml. M. Woodbridge, D.D 425	1,275
10	paid balance of the quarter's salary due said professors 1st inst., \$325 each.....	975
	Carried forward.....	\$101,754 27

1876.	Dr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$101,754 27
March 10	To Cash paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, seven hundred dollars, on account of the bequest of the late James Suydam of \$20,000 received from his executors for the maintenance and support of the James Suydam Hall, deducting \$271 50 for insurance on said Hall paid in Nov. last, as per resolution of General Synod in June last, being equivalent to six months interest on the same.....	428 50
31	paid Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., interest on the endowment fund of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College as salary	74 08
April 6	deposited in United States Trust Co.....	826 53
13	paid insurance on Hope College.	93 75
	paid insurance on three Professorial dwellings at New Brunswick, N. J.....	67 50
19	paid Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., expenses in collecting funds towards the endowment of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology, at Hope College, Mich.	90
20	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, \$700, amount of donation received from Gardner A. Sage for the maintenance and support of said Hall for the current year.....	700
26	paid Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., amount of sundry donations received towards the payment of his salary as Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College Mich.....	131 43
May 1	paid John I. Brower as follows:— for one year's salary as Treasurer of General Synod..... \$1,000 paid for postage, stationery, etc... 49 21	1,049 21
	This amount apportioned to the following Funds as per resolution of General Synod, viz:—	
	Permanent Seminary Fund.....	\$354
	Education Fund.....	235
	Widows' Fund.....	256 08
	Permanent Contingent Fund.....	5 88
	Hope College Endowment Fund... ..	48 25
	Jas Suydam Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology... ..	150
		\$1,049 21
	paid insurance on James Suydam Hall, Nov. 1874, in error.....	316 50
1	To Balance on hand carried forward.....	105,531 77 7,280 77
		\$112,812 54

1875.		Cr.	
May	1	By Balance from last account	\$5,244 18
	15	By Cash received from Mrs. Henrietta V. W. Du Bois, towards the endowment of the "Thos. De Witt" professorship.....	100
June	3	from the executors of Hylah Hasbrouck, five thousand dollars, amount of legacy to be invested and the income to be applied to the support and education of pious indigent young men preparing for the ministry in the Reformed Church in America, to be known as the "Louisa Hasbrouck Scholarship"	5,000
	28	from the following persons towards deficiency of income of General Synod for the year commencing May 1st, 1875, viz: J. B. Sheffield, Esq. \$70 Wm. R. Janeway, Esq. 100 Rev. John Woodbridge, D.D.. 100	270
July	27	from the executors of John Clark, late of New Brunswick, N. J., deceased, ten thousand dollars, amount bequeathed to the Widows and Disabled Ministers Fund of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in payment of two bonds and mortgages	10,000 12,000
Aug.	5	from Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., Chairman of Synod's Committee on Hymnology, proceeds of sale of the "Hymns of the Church," for the Church Building Fund..	114 50
Sep.	2	borrowed from Gardner A. Sage, on note payable in 60 days, without interest, for the purpose of paying the balance of the quarter's salary due Professors 1st inst..	750
	5	amount withdrawn from Trust Co	2,500
	14	amount withdrawn from Trust Co.	5,000
		amount withdrawn from Trust Co	5,000
Nov.	3	from executors of Charles Burroughs, amount of legacy to be applied to the maintenance of aged and infirm ministers of the Reformed Church in America and their families.	250
	20	from a minister's widow, per Rev John C. F. Hoes, D.D., towards the endowment of the professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich.	50
	27	from the following persons, per Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., amounts collected by him toward the endowment of the professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich viz:— Reformed Church, Gravesend, L. I.	
Carried forward			\$46,278 68

1875.	Cr.	
Nov. 27	Brought forward.....	\$46,278 68
	By Cash Corns. S. Stryker, \$10; D. D. Lake, 5; J. Pennyfather, 5; H. R. Wyckoff, 5; W. Bennett, 5; W. Van Cleef, 2; S. Hubbard, 2; J. S. Van Cleef, 2; J. H. Van Cleef, 2; J. Voorhees, 2; J. J. Lake, 2; W. Willham, 2; C. Stillwell, 1; W. Willis, 1; Ann Lake, 1; W. Donly, 1; G. H. Wyckoff, 1; A. H. Battersly, 50c....	49 50
	Reformed Church, Lebanon, N. J.. Rev. J. B. Campbell, 5; J. R. Emery, 5; D. Todd, 1; A. Haver, 1; P. E. Thorp, 1; M. H. Neighbor, 1; W. G. Alpaugh, 1; Miss E. A. Apgar, 1; Capt. Johnson, 1; J. A. Fritts, 1; J. Van Sickle, 1; J. Ramsey, 1; J. S. Hoffman, 1; H. Dilly, 1; G. Clark, 1; W. B. Packer, 1; E. Crater, 1; J. Sloan, 1; Mrs. J. Hoffman, 1; Mr. Voorhees, 50c.; S. Leigh, 50c.; P. Emery, 50c.; Cash, 50c.; P. B. Crate, 25c.; Cash, 25c.; Cash, 25c.; Cash, 20c.; Cash, 10c.; Plate Collection, 10 70	40 75
	Reformed Church, Guilford, N. Y. Rev. C. E. Lasher, 10; J. Le Fevre, 10; J. B. Hasbrouck, 10; Mrs. E. H. Bevier, 10; Du Bois Le Fevre, 5; A. D. Deyo, 5; J. L. Hasbrouck, 5; R. B. Bevier, 5; A. Winfield, 5; E. J. and L. Hardenberg, 5; D. I. Hasbrouck, 2; A. S. Schoonmaker, 2; S. E. Dumond, 1; J. I. Du Bois, 1; S. Lambertson, 1; W. Johnson, 50c.; M. Johnson, 50c.....	78
	Reformed Church, Kinderhook, Friend, 20; Friend, 20; P. S. Hoes, 20; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hosford, 20; Miss M. Sylvester, 10; P. V. B. Hoes and wife, 10; Lydia M. Bain, 10; L. Milham, 10; Mrs. Jane Sweet, 1; J. Mix, 5; H. M. Hoes, 2; J. Bray, 2; B. Van Alstyne, 5; Cash 1; P. E. Van Alstyne, 5; Helen Van Allen, 2; J. Van Alstyne, 5; Mrs. J. Bain, 5; Cash, 5; P. V. S. Pruyne, 5.....	163
	Carried forward.....	\$46,278 68

1875.		Cr.	
		Brought forward.....	\$46,278 68
Nov.	27	By Cash From Peter Cortelyou First Church New Brunswick, N. J.....	100
		from children of the late J. Thom- son Wendover	50
		from Reformed Church Warwick, N. Y.....	50
		from H. E. Legg, First Church, Kingston, N. Y.....	25
		from Reformed Church, Glen, N. Y.	21 47
		“ “ Catskill, N. Y..	20 75
		from S. T. Du Bois, Hudson, N. Y.	25
			623 47
		Mrs. M. L. Abbe, Albany, for ditto received from sundry persons per Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., towards payment of his salary as professor at Hope College, Mich.	250
Dec.	27	withdrawn from Trust Companies.....	42
1876.		withdrawn from Trust Companies....	13,000
Jan.	12	from Capt. W. Fuller, on account of his note of \$2,500 for the library of the Theo- logical Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.	7,000
	13	from F. J. Hosford, Treasurer of the Board of Education, being appropriation made by said Board towards the salaries of the Theological Teachers at Hope College in accordance with resolution of General Synod in June last....	500
	22	withdrawn from Trust Co....	600
	28	from Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., Chairman of Synod's Committee on Hymnology, pro- ceeds of the sale of "Hymns of the Church," for the Church Building Fund..	2,380 06
March	6	from Reformed Church, Sixth Ave., N. Y., to- wards the endowment of the professor- ship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich.....	190 82
	10	borrowed from Gardner A. Sage on note of the Board of Direction without interest for the purpose of paying balance of salary of the Theological Professors, due 1st inst.	45
	27	from Gardner A. Sage, as a donation for the maintenance and support of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall for the current year	975
April	10	from Reformed Church of South Bend, Ind., for Hope College.....	700
	12	from Gardner A. Sage, premium of insur- ance paid on the Gardner A. Sage Library building, the library books, and furniture in said building.....	2 50
			23
		Carried forward.....	\$72,610 53

1876.	Cr.	
	Brought forward.....	\$72,610 53
April 19	By Cash received from the following persons, per Rev. C. E. Crispell, D. D., amounts collected by him towards the endowment of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology, at Hope College, Mich., viz:	
	Reformed Dutch Church, Flatbush, L. I., Hon. John A. Lott, \$100;	
	Mrs. J. L. Vanderbilt, 5; Mrs. Jane Martense, 100; John Eldert, 5; Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Ferris, 100;	
	Mrs. H. W. Winship, 5; A. Lott, 25; Mrs. G. L. Vanderbilt, 3; John Antonides, 10; W. H. Algeo, 3;	
	J. V. B. Martense, 10; J. B. Schoonmaker, 2; S. H. Williamson, 10; Mrs. S. T. Cortelyou, 2;	
	Peter Nefus, 5; Mrs. M. H. Bergen, 2; J. H. Ditmas, 5; C. Suydam, 2; H. S. Ditmas, 5; Mrs. M. H. Spofford, 1; Miss M. Vanderveer, 5; Mrs. W. K. Williamson, 1; Mrs. J. Antonides, 5; Mrs. C. Wyckoff, 1; Mrs. M. Story, 5....	417
	Rev. V. M. Hulbert, D.D.....	50
	Mrs. S. Benham, Greenport, Col. Co., N. Y.....	100
	Misses M. and C. Livingstone, Linlithgow, N. Y.....	50
	C. Couch, Schoharie, N. Y.....	100
	Mrs. M. L. Johnson, Linlithgow, N. Y.....	25
	Mrs. M. Pruyn, Rhinebeck, N. Y..	5
	A. E. Wagner, " "	1
	W. Snyder, Centreville, Mich.	1
	R. Alexander, " "	1
	A. Fort, " "	25
	Rev. A. H. Van Vranken, " "	50
	V. Patchen, " "	5
	Mrs. K. Cuddy, " "	4
	C. H. Thoms, " "	1
		810 25
26	received from sundry persons, towards payment of salary of Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D. as Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, at Hope College, Mich.	131 43
	received from the following Classes, during the year, for contingent expenses of General Synod, viz:	
	Classis of Illinois.....	\$44 16
		40 45
		84 61
	Wisconsin	43 54
	Holland	41 59
	Amount carried forward.....	\$73,552 21

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Brought forward.....		\$73,552 21
By Cash from Classis of Saratoga.....	29 83	
Schenectady.....	41 87	
Cayuga.....	23 90	
Hudson.....	31 58	
Kingston.....	39 96	
Michigan.....	11 22	
South Long Island..	70 78	
Raritan.....	60 61	
New York.....	97 95	
New Brunswick....	43 59	
South Bergen.....	31 32	
Poughkeepsie.....	42 87	
Schoharie.....	18 78	
Passaic.....	\$19 50	
	15 97	
	35 47	
So. New York 28 55		
	25 22	
	53 77	
Westchester.....	35 70	
Montgomery.....	38 47	
Orange.....	68 11	
Ulster.....	40 65	
Grand River.....	34 67	
Rensselaer.....	39 47	
Greene.....	28 12	
Geneva.....	33	
Bergen.....	37 49	
Paramus.....	18 76	
Grand River.....	38 06	
Newark.....	43 93	
Albany.....	60 75	
North Long Island.	58 14	
Philadelphia.....	59 77	
		\$1,438 33
from South Classis of New York on account of the assessment of \$4,000 for contingent expenses & deficiency of income combined, for the year commencing May 1st, 1871..		24 17
from Classis of Montgomery, on account of the assessment of \$20,000, made by Gen- eral Synod June, 1864, for the purpose of increasing the Permanent Fund.....		31 03
received for the Widows' Fund during the year, as follows:		
Mrs. Elizabeth Jones.....	10	
Ref. Church, Lafayette, N. J..	13	
Mt. Vernon, N. Y....	17 48	
Bushnell, Ills.....	1 30	
Fonda, N. Y.....	10	
Hopewell, N. Y....	10	
First Hudson, N. Y..	21 14	
Amount carried forward		\$75,045 74

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Brought forward		\$75,045 74
By Cash Ref. Church, Fallsburgh, N. Y....	3 29	
“ “ 1st., Pokeysie, N. Y.	43 31	
“ “ Blooming Grove, “	5 35	
Knox Memorial Chapel, N. Y. City	5	
Ref. Church, Stuyvesant, N. Y....	3 78	
“ “ Fallsburgh, N. Y....	2 35	
“ “ Readington, N. J....	15 87	
“ “ Washington Square, N. Y. City.....	25	
“ “ Bushnell, Ill.	1 15	
“ “ 1st., Kingston, N. Y.	17 81	
“ “ Utica, N. Y.....	60 81	
“ “ Tyre, N. Y.....	3 20	
“ “ 1st., Brooklyn, N. Y..	47 19	
Mrs. Elizabeth Jones.....	10 00	
Ref. Church, Sayville, N. Y.....	2 75	
“ “ 2d., Freehold, N. J..	9 50	
“ “ Astoria, N. Y.	12 25	
“ “ 2d., Pella, Iowa.....	7	
from Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer.....	15	
South Ref. Church, Booklyn, N. Y.	6 60	
Ref. Church, Berea, N. Y.....	4	
“ “ Bushnell, Ill.	1 25	
Collegiate Ref. Dutch Church, N. Y.	228 74	
Ref. Church, Saugerties, N. Y....	18 97	
“ “ Six Mile Run, N. J. .	12	
“ “ Canajoharie, N. Y.	7 10	
“ “ Lafayette, Jersey City	5	
“ “ 2d., Poughkeepsie... ..	14 88	
“ “ Flatlands, N. Y.....	10	
“ “ Port Richmond, N. Y	10	
“ “ Nyack, N. Y.....	15 50	
“ “ Germantown, N. Y. .	3 25	
“ “ Schraalenberg, N. J.	19 25	
“ “ Helderberg, N. Y....	5	
“ “ Naumberg, “	2 18	
“ “ Flatbush, “	22 47	
“ “ 1st., Rotterdam	9 50	
“ “ Fultonville, N. Y....	11 17	
“ “ Brighton Hights, N. Y	11 29	
“ “ South Bend, Ind.....	1 50	
“ “ Utica, N. Y.	59 54	
“ “ First, Glenville, N. Y	10	
“ “ Wyckoff, N. J.....	4	
“ “ Locust Valley, N. Y.	2 71	
“ “ New Lots.	6 55	
German Evangelical Church, (St. Peters), Williamsburg, N. Y....	3	
Ref. Church, Montgomery, N. Y....	5 34	
“ “ Plattskill, “	5 48	
Carried forward.....		\$75,045 74

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Brought forward		\$75,045 74
By Cash Ref. Church High Bridge, N. Y...	6 52	
" " Zeeland, Mich.	27 85	
" " Onisquethaw, N. Y.	1 16	
" " Newtown, "	10 81	
" " 34th St., New York..	16 12	
" " 2d., Newark, N. J.	5 07	
" " 2d., Claverack, N. Y.	7	
" " Easton, "	1 75	
" " Gravesend, "	5 60	
" " Locust Valley, N. Y.	4 55	
" " East New York, " ..	5 62	
" " Nyack, N. Y.	17 25	
" " Jamaica, "	18 97	
" " 2d., Kingston.....	20	
" " Jerusalem, N. Y.	2 18	
" " Long Branch, N. J.	5	
" " Rocky Hill, "	1 92	
Rev. E. Nevius.....	5	
		1,052 67
received for the Widows' Fund from		
Churches during the year, where \$20 of		
each amount is to apply to the credit of		
pastors:		
Ref. Church, Gallupville, N. Y., Rev.		
J. H. Kershow, Pastor	20	
First Holland Ref. Church, Pater-		
son, N. J., Rev. Jas. Huyssoon,		
Pastor	20	
Ref. Church, South Holland, Ills.,		
Rev. A. Buursma, Pastor	20	
Ref. Church, English Neighborhood,		
N. J., Rev. A. B. Taylor, Pastor.	20	
Third Ref. Church, Jersey City,		
N. J., Rev. J. H. Suydam, Pastor.	37 82	
Ref. Church, Readington, N. J., Rev.		
J. H. Smock, Pastor	20	
First Ref. Church, Pella, Iowa, Rev.		
Egbert Winter, Pastor... ..	20	
First Ref. Church, New Brunswick,		
N. J., Rev. R. H. Steele, Pastor.	20	
Ref. Church, Niskayuna.....		
" " Lishas Kill... ..		
Rev. J. A. De Baun, Pastor.....	23 50	
Ref. Church, New Utrecht, N. Y..		
Rev. D. S. Sutphen, Pastor	20	
Ref. Church, Addisville, Pa., Rev.		
Isaac Collier, Pastor	20	
Ref. Church, Fairview, Ill., Rev. J.		
S. Joralmon, Pastor.....	20 12	
Carried forward		\$76,098 41

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Brought forward.....		\$76,098 41
By Cash Ref. Church, Acquackanonk N. J.		
\$30, \$20 of the amount to apply		
to the credit of the Pastor, Rev.		
John Gaston, D.D.....	20	
and \$10 to apply to the credit of		
Rev. J. Huyssoon, Pastor, of the		
First Holland Ref. Church, Pater-		
son, N. J.....	10	
First Holland Ref. Church, Pater-		
son, N. J., Rev. J. Huyssoon,		
Pastor.....	10	
Ref. Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Rev.		
D Cole, D.D., Pastor.....	30	
German Evangelical Mission Ch.,		
N. Y. City, Rev. J. W. Geyer,		
Pastor.....	20	
Ref. Church, New Paltz, N. Y.,		
Rev. P. Peltz, D.D., Pastor.....	20	
Rev. Dutch Church, Leeds, N. Y.,		
Rev. B. Van Zandt, D.D., Pastor.	20	
Ref. Church, Fairfield, N. J., Rev.		
E. N. Sebring, Pastor.....	20	
		411 44
received from the following Clergymen during		
the year, for their annual payments to the		
Widows' Fund, viz.:		
Rev. N. H. Dosker.....	20	
W. P. De Jonge.....	20	
D. D. Demarest, D.D.....	20	
A. Kriekard.....	20	
M. Swick.....	20	
J. Van der Meulen.....	20	
G. J. Nykerk.....	20	
S. Searle.....	20	
P. D. Van Cleef, D.D.....	20	
W. P. De Jonge.....	20	
F. M. Bogardus.....	20	
J. Gardner.....	20	
S. M. Woodbridge, D.D.....	20	
C. Spaulding.....	20	
B. C. Lippincott.....	20	
J. H. Van Doren.....	20	
J. S. Demund, D.D.....	20	
A. J. Sebring.....	20	
J. A. Lansing, D.D.....	20	
E. Vedder.....	20	
		400
Carried forward.....		\$76,909 85

1876.

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Brought forward.....		\$76,909 85
By Cash received for the Disabled Ministers' Fund, during the year, as follows:		
Ref. Church, Chittenango, N. Y....	5 29	
" Lafayette, N. J.	12	
" Fort Plain, N. Y.	33 47	
" Mt. Vernon "	17 48	
" Bushnell, Ill.	3 10	
" Hopewell, N. Y.	10	
First Ref. Church, Hudson, N. Y.	21 14	
Ref. Church, Blooming Grove, N.Y.	5 85	
Knox Memorial Chapel, N. Y. City.	5	
Ref. Church, Port Jervis, N.Y.	18 85	
" Fallsburgh, "	2 36	
Second Ref. Ch., Glenville, "	1 80	
First " Pella, Iowa.	10 20	
Ref. Church, Readington, N. J.	15 88	
" Washington Square, New York City ..	25	
" Syracuse, N. Y.	12 17	
" Bushnell, Ill.	3 05	
First Ref. Church, Kingston, N. Y.	17 82	
Ref. Church, Owasco Outlet " .	1	
North Ref. Church, Newark, N. J. .	32 25	
First " New Brunswick, N. J.	20	
" Brooklyn, N. Y.	47 20	
Ref. Church, Stuyvesant, "	6 58	
" Sayville, "	2 35	
Second Ref. Church, Freehold, N. J.	9 50	
Ref. Church, Astoria, N. Y.	12 25	
" Utica, "	54 92	
" Lodi, "	7	
Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer	15	
Ref. Church, Greenpoint, N. Y.	20	
South Ref. Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.	6 59	
" " Harlem, "	21 55	
" " Berea, "	4	
" " Bushnell, Ill. .	3	
Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York City ..	228 74	
Ref. Church, Saugerties, N. Y.	18 97	
" Six Mile Run, N. J. .	9 25	
Lafayette Ref. Ch., Jersey City, N. J.	10	
Second " Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	14 89	
Ref. Church, Flatlands N. Y.	5 62	
" Holmdel, N. J.	13 28	
" English Neighborhood, N. J.	9	
" Port Richmond, N. Y.	35	
" Paramus, N. J.	14	
Carried forward.....		\$76,909 85

1876.

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Brought forward...		\$76,909 85
By Cash Ref. Church, Nyack, N. Y.	16	
" Germantown, N. Y.	3 25	
" Flatbush, "	22 48	
" Fultonville, "	13 65	
" Yonkers, "	19	
" South Bend, Ind.	1 50	
First Ref. Church, Glenville, N. Y.	10	
Ref. Church, Wawarsing, N. Y.	14 25	
" Wyckoff, N. J.	4	
German Evangelical Miss. Church, Houston Street, New York City.	10	
Ref. Church, Fonda, N. Y.	10	
" Locust Valley, N. Y.	2 71	
" New Lots, "	6 55	
First Ref. Church, Claverack, "	4 38	
German Evangelical Ch. (St Peter's) Williamsburgh, N. Y.	2	
Ref. Church, New Paltz, N. Y.	3 74	
" Canajoharie, "	10	
" Montgomery, "	5 34	
" Jerusalem, "	2 19	
" Onisquethaw, "	1 17	
" Newtown, "	10 82	
" 34th St., N. York City	15	
Second Ref. Church, Newark, N. J.	5 08	
" " Claverack, N. Y.	6 60	
Ref. Church, Bushnell, Ill.	1 50	
" Gravesend, N. Y.	5 60	
" Locust Valley, N. Y.	4 55	
" East New York, "	5 62	
" Nyack, "	11 75	
" Jamaica, "	18 98	
" New Prospect, "	4 25	
" Long Branch, N. J.	5	
" Rocky Hill, "	91	

1,100 27

received for interest on bonds, notes,
etc., during the year, viz :

1875.

May	\$3,390
June	5,101 52
July	340
August	3,918 26
September	1,050
October	3,531 66
November	2,810
December	5,287 75

Carried forward..... \$78,010 12

1876.	Cr.	
	Brought forward	\$78,010 12
	1876.	
	By Cash January	501 52
	February	3,688 22
	March	1,802 74
	April	3,064 25
		34,485 92
	From interest on bequest of James Suydam for insurance on James Suydam Hall, paid Nov. 1874, in error.....	316 50
		<u>\$112,812 54</u>
May 1	By Balance brought forward.....	\$7,280 77

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JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1876.

The subscribers, a Committee appointed to examine the accounts of JOHN I. BROWER, Treasurer, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand of seventy-two hundred and eighty dollars and seventy seven cents.

GARDNER A. SAGE, }
WM. H. STEELE, } *Committee.*

May 29, 1876.

Annual Digest.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows :

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, amounted, on April 1st, 1876, to	\$20,313 57
which is loaned, on bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the State of New Jersey.	
There has been paid to students, &c., out of the income of this Fund during the year ..	1,245
Cash on hand April 1st, 1876.....	<u>1,664 04</u>

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages in the State of New Jersey, is.....	2,000
There has been paid to students, out of the income of this Fund, during the year.....	150
Balance on hand April 1st, 1876.....	<u>434 52</u>

EDUCATION FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, &c.	\$93,600
Balance of principal, April 30th, 1876	337 16
Balance of interest received to April 30th, 1876.....	<u>3,762 08</u>

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, &c.	\$10,000
And twenty shares of the capital stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., par value.....	<u>2,000</u>

WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, &c.	\$45,000
Balance of principal April 30, 1876.....	360 13
There has been paid to Annuitants out of the income of this Fund, during the year	2,296 01
Balance on hand April 30th, 1876....	<u>1,545 31</u>

PERMANENT SEMINARY FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested for General Fund.....	\$99,524	33
Fourth Professorial Fund	30,537	66
Thomas De Witt Professorship	5,815	
James Suydam Professorial Fund.....	60,000	
Donation of Colonel Henry Rutgers, deceased, held in trust for Rutgers College.....	5,000	
Balance of Fund on hand and not invested	1,062	86
Amount due the Fund, being for advances, made under the instructions of General Synod, for salaries, completion and repairs of dwellings, and for lec- tures, &c.	29,649	68
	30,712	54
	<u>\$231,589 53</u>	

Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, ten of which be-
long to Rutgers College.

Amount of subscriptions to the Permanent Fund, upon which in- terest is received.	\$5,750
Notes received for the Library, balance unpaid.	4,500

HOPE COLLEGE.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds, secured by mortgages, &c., for the endowment of this College.....	\$19,300
Balance of Fund not invested.....	19 83
Balance of interest on hand April 30, 1876.....	460

PROFESSORSHIP OF DIDACTIC AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY AT
HOPE COLLEGE.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds, secured by mortgages, &c., for the endowment of this Fund.....	\$3,000
Balance of Fund not invested	688 52
Interest on hand April 30th, 1876.....	77 67

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds, secured by Mortgages, etc.,	\$16,000
Balance of Fund not invested....	2,250
There has been paid out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	3,325

PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund April 30th, 1876.....	\$2,423 16
Of which is invested....	2,200

LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG.

This Legacy, the interest of which is to be applied for repairs to Hertzog Hall is invested upon Bonds secured by Mortgages, etc. \$10,000

VEDDER LECTURE FUND.

This Fund was composed of ten Bonds of \$1,000 each of the Toledo and Wabash Railway Company. At the present time there is no value for them.

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY.

There has been received for securing a Library including interest \$44,803.42
 And Notes in addition (balance unpaid)..... 4,500
 And there has been paid to the Hertzog Hall Committee 26,675
.....

JAMES SUYDAM PROFESSORIAL RESIDENCE.

There has been received for interest toward this Fund..... \$2,941
 Of which there is invested..... 2,000
.....

ASSETS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER.

Bonds and mortgages and bonds and notes amounting to.... \$407,726.99
 Railroad bonds (including Vedder Lecture Fund bonds)..... 12,000
 Three Township bonds 2,250
 Deposits in Trust Companies 18,200
 Cash in bank..... 7,280.77
\$447,457.76

Advances for salaries, completion and repairs of dwellings, lectures, etc., made under the instructions of General Synod, from the fund, and due to it from the Church.. 29,649.68
\$477,107.44

And, in addition, there is owing on a note for money borrowed to pay the salaries of the Professors to 1st March last the sum of \$975.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD,

AS REPORTED BY REV. P. D. VAN CLEEF, D.D., STATED CLERK.

Received for Minutes, including balance on hand last year...	\$833.09
Paid for printing Minutes	740.30
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Balance in hands of the Stated Clerk	92.79

P. R. WARNER, *President.*

WILLIAM H. STEELE,	} <i>Directors.</i>
JOHN VAN NEST,	
GARDNER A. SAGE,	

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

New York, May 31, 1876.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT NEW
BRUNSWICK, N. J., MAY 1ST, 1876.

Van Rensselaer.....	\$1,700
Wm. Patterson Van Rensselaer.....	1,700
Rutgers.....	1,700
Heyer.....	1,700
Cornell.....	2,000
Wyckoff.....	2,500
Margaret Burges.....	1,700
John Clark.....	3,000
James Bogart, Jr.....	2,000
Isaac L. Kip.....	1,700
Tannake Turk.....	1,700
Richard Cadmus.....	2,000
Stryker.....	2,000
Hornbeck. Two Scholarships.....	4,000
Freeborn.....	2,000
Bequest Rev. Nicholas Lansing.....	600
James Bogart, Jr. Second Scholarship.....	2,000
Cuyler.....	2,000
Margaret Ten Eyck.....	2,000
Catalina Ten Eyck.....	2,000
Daniel J. Schanck.....	3,000
Moses Cowan.....	2,500
Bequest of Samuel Gates on account.....	245 98
Theodore Frelinghuysen De Witt.....	2,500
James Suydam, Gift. Four Scholarships.....	12,000
Edward Lansing Pruyn.....	2,500
Maria R. Lefferts.....	8,402 64
Garret Y. Lansing.....	2,500
Ernest Blois.....	2,500
Bequest of Joshua Hornbeck.....	2,000
“ of Janet Hinchman.....	470
“ of Ann James.....	2,350
Gain on sale of Government Bonds.....	468 54
Bequest of James B. Laing.....	7,500
Louisa Hasbrouck.....	5,000
<hr/> \$93,937 16	

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

New York, May 1st, 1876.

Dr. Expense Account of the General Synod

1875.			
May	1	To Balance from last account, being advances for salaries, contingent expenses, repairs, &c.	\$30,608 02
	18	To Cash paid three Professors in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, balance of quarter's salary due March 1st	\$1,050
June	9	paid insurance on the Hertzog Hall, 183 75	
		paid Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, for traveling expenses	396
		paid one year's salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents	25
		paid Minute Book for the Board	7 50
		paid expenses of the Board	1 40
		paid expenses of meeting of General Synod	61 91
		paid expenses of Stated Clerk during the year	9 06
	28	paid Corresponding Delegates for traveling expenses	260 73
	30	paid three Professors in the Theological Seminary, for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	2,250
July	2	paid insurance on three Professorial Dwellings	90
Sept.	9	paid printing Annual Report and Treasurer's account	13 50
		paid three Professors in the Theological Seminary, on account of the quarter's salary due 1st inst.	1,500
	14	paid Corresponding Delegates for traveling expenses	125 16
	23	paid Professors in the Theological Seminary, balance of quarter's salary due 1st inst.	750
Oct.	15	paid insurance on the Hertzog Theological Hall.	77 27
Nov.	11	paid one year's salary of the Stated Clerk of General Synod	250
	23	paid salary of the Janitor of Hertzog Hall, and fuel	120
Pec.	3	paid for amount borrowed	750
	7	paid one year's salary of Permanent Clerk of General Synod	100
		paid expenses for two years	5
	10	paid three Professors in the Theological Seminary on account of the quarter's salary due 1st inst., 1,200	
	30	paid balance of quarter's salary	1,050
1876.			
Jan.	6	paid insurance on the Gardner A. Sage Library Building, on the Library, and on the furniture in Hertzog Hall.	43 62
Carried forward			\$30,608 02

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1875.			
May	1	By Balance from last account.....	\$1,083 49
	27	By Cash received for interest on subscrip- tion.....	\$300
June	25	received for interest on subscrip- tions.....	45
	28	interest on subscription of Mrs. A. A. Zabriskie 2 years.....	70
		deficiency of income of General Synod.....	270
July	13	interest on Railroad Bond.....	30
Aug.	23	from interest on bequest of James Suydam, for premium of insur- ance on the James Suydam Hall, paid in Nov. 1874—in error....	316 50
Sept.	14	borrowed to pay balance of quar- ter's salary due Professors.....	750
Dec.	24	interest on deposits.....	230 25
1876.			
Jan.	6	interest on Railroad Bond.....	30
	18	interest on bond of P. Cortelyou 1 year.....	175
	23	interest on deposit.....	11 02
	24	interest on Township Bond.....	22 50
Feb.	21	dividends on Bergen Turnpike Stock.....	16 90
March	4	interest on Bond and Mortgage...	35
	10	borrowed, to pay Professors bal- ance of quarter's salary, due 1st inst.....	975
April	12	for amount of insurance paid on the Gardner A. Sage Library building, and Library, refunded by G. A. Sage.....	23
		from the Classes during the year on assessments.....	1,438 33
		from the Classes during the year on assessments.....	24 17
		for interest on Bond and Mort- gages during the year.....	8,689 52
			13,452 19
Carried forward.....			\$14,535 68

Dr. *Expense Account of the General Synod*

1876.		Brought forward.....	\$30,608 02
March	6	To Cash paid three Professors in the Theological Seminary, on account of the quarter's salary due 1st inst.....	1,275
	10	paid them balance of quarter's salary.....	975
April	13	paid insurance on 3 Professorial Dwellings.....	67 50
May	1	paid apportionment of the salary of the Treasurer.....	354
		Balance on hand.....	569 28
		Amount overpaid on interest on donation of Col. Henry Rutgers.....	16 66
			<u>\$44,185 36</u>
1876.			
May	1	To Balance brought forward.....	\$29,649 68

E. & O. E. JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1876.

1876.	Brought forward	\$14,535 68
May 1	By Balance carried forward.....	\$29,649 68
		<u>\$44,185 36</u>

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD, MAY 1st, 1876.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

In accordance with resolution of the General Synod, I herewith forward an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised to meet the deficiency in the revenues of Synod for the year commencing May 1st, 1876.

EXPENSES RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Salaries of three Professors.....	\$9,000
Salary Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, and expenses	30
Salary of Janitor of Hertzog Hall, and fuel.....	120
Salary of Treasurer of General Synod, apportionment.....	360
Insurance of Hertzog Theological Hall.....	275
Insurance on furniture in said Hall.....	25
Insurance on Professorial dwellings.....	160
Repairs....	250
Sundries	150
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	\$10,370
Estimated interest to meet the same.....	9,000
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Estimated deficiency.....	\$1,370
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OTHER EXPENSES.

Traveling expenses of Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago.....	396
Traveling expenses of Corresponding Delegates	390
Salary of Stated Clerk and expenses.....	265
Salary of Permanent Clerk and expenses	105
Expenses of meeting of Synod.....	75
Sundries.....	200
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Estimate to meet the same by assessment on the Classes.....	\$1,431

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, MAY 1st, 1876.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOARD OF DIRECTION.

The Committee on the Board of Direction presented the following report, which was accepted, amended and adopted :

The Committee on the Board of Direction respectfully report, that the following papers have been referred to them for their consideration :

1. The Annual Report of the Board of Direction.
2. The Annual Account of the Treasurer of Synod.
3. List of securities belonging to General Synod in the hands of the Treasurer.
4. List of the real estate belonging to the General Synod.
5. List of endowed scholarships in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.
6. Education Fund Account.
7. Education Fund Income Account.
8. The Van Benschoten Fund Account.
9. The Knox Fund Account.
10. Hope Collège Endowment Fund Account.
11. Hope College Income Account.
12. Annual Digest of the Board of Direction.
13. Expense Account of General Synod.
14. An estimate of the amount to be raised to meet the deficiency in the revenues of Synod for the current year.

All of the preceding documents were presented to Synod by the Board of Direction.

The report of the Board of Direction shows that there have been received during the last financial year, toward the endowment of the Thomas De Witt Professorship, one hundred dollars.

From the estate of Hylah Hasbrouck, deceased, five thousand dollars, for the endowment of a Scholarship, to be known as "The Louisa Hasbrouck Scholarship."

From the estate of Charles Burroughs, deceased, two hundred and fifty dollars, for the maintenance of aged and infirm ministers.

From the executors of the estate of John Clark, deceased, ten thousand dollars, being a legacy to the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, which has been divided by the Board between the Widows' Fund and the Disabled Ministers' Fund (and as the Committee understand, although it is not so stated, in equal shares), subject to the approval of Synod.

From Gardner A. Sage, seven hundred dollars, as a gift for the support of Hertzog Hall.

It also appears that there has been paid to the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall Committee, by the direction of the General Synod at its last meeting, the sum of five thousand dollars, being the balance of the Jacob H. Ten Eyck legacy, then in the hands of the Board of Direction.

It further appears from the report, that there has been added to the Widows' Fund, during the past year, including the portion of the legacy of Mr. Clark, above referred to, the sum of six thousand four hundred and sixty-four dollars and eleven cents (\$6,464.11), that annuitants have been paid from the income of the fund for the six months ending May 1st and November 1st, 1875, amounting in the aggregate to two thousand two hundred and ninety-six dollars and one cent (\$2,296.01), and that three annual subscribers have withdrawn from the fund the proportion of their former subscriptions, to which they were entitled by the rules of the fund.

The different Funds, as shown by the report and the other documents presented therewith, are as follows:

The Endowed Scholarships in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., including some bequests for educational purposes, insufficient to constitute a Scholarship, and a gain to the amount of four hundred and sixty-eight 54-100 dollars on the sale of Government bonds.....	\$93,937 16
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This shows an increase of the fund beyond the amount reported last year of \$5,000, being the amount of "The Louisa Hasbrouck Scholarship," above referred to.

The Van Benschoten Fund.....	20,313 57
The Knox Fund.....	2,000
The Parochial School Fund (including 20 shares of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company at their par value) amounting to	12,000
The Hope College Endowment Fund is.....	19,319 83
The Hope College Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology Fund is now.....	3,572 69
Being an increase during the past year of \$1,478 72.	

The Permanent Seminary Fund, the particulars of which will be found in the "Annual Digest" of the Board is stated to be the sum of 231,589 53

But this includes \$5,000, a donation of Col. Henry Rutgers, and held in trust for Rutgers's College, and what is stated to be "amount due the Fund," being for advances made under instructions of General Synod for Salaries, completion and repairs of dwellings, and for lectures, &c.

\$29,649 68 34,649 68

Leaving after deducting those two sums..... 196,939 85

In addition to this the Board holds twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, but ten thereof are reported as belonging to Rutgers's College.

There is a material decrease from the amount reported last year, but is explained by the fact that the sum of \$5,000 thereof has been paid as above stated to the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall Committee.

There are subscriptions to that fund upon which interest is received to the amount of..... 5,750

The Widows' Fund..... 45,360 13

This Fund has been increased during the last year by the addition of contributions thereto to the amount of \$6,464 11, as above stated.

Disabled Ministers' Fund..... 18,250

This fund has been increased beyond the sum reported last year to the amount of \$7,250, by the gift of Mr. Burroughs and Mr. Clark, above mentioned.

Mrs. Ann Hertzog Fund, the interest of which is to be applied to the repairs of Hertzog Hall..... 10,000

Permanent Contingent Fund..... 2,423 16

This Fund is increased beyond that reported last year to the amount of \$128 32.

The Vedder Lecture Fund is unavailable. It was composed of ten bonds of \$1,000 each, of the Toledo and Wabash Railway, which at the present time are of no value.

There has also been received for securing a Theological Library, including interest	44,803 42
Out of which has been paid to Hertzog Hall Committee	26,675
There has also been received a note or notes for this Library on which there is a balance unpaid of....	4,500
This sum is also mentioned under the item of "Permanent Seminary Fund" in the "Digest," and will be hereinafter more particularly referred to.	
There has been received for interest toward the James Suydam Professorial residence.....	2,941
The Digest shows assets in the hands of the Treasurer, including the Vedder Lecture Fund bonds, to the amount of.....	447,457 76
It also stated that there have been advances for salaries, completion and repairs of dwellings, lectures &c., made under instructions of General Synod, from the Permanent Seminary Fund, under the control of the Board, and which is due to it from the Church to the amount of.....	29,649 68
The Digest also states that there is owing on a note for money borrowed by the Board to pay salaries of the Professors to 1st March last, the sum of....	975
The Educational Income Account shows that there was a balance of interest in the hands of the Treasurer on the first day of May, 1876, of.....	3,762 08
The Hope College income Account shows a balance of income in the hands of the Treasurer at the same date of.....	460

The list of real estate belonging to Synod, transmitted by the Treasurer, included in the paper submitted to us, shows that Synod owns the Seminary grounds and buildings thereon at New Brunswick, N. J., including the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, the

James Suydam Hall, the Gardner A. Sage Library Building, and four Professorial dwellings. And also the Hope College grounds with the buildings thereon, and the Parsonage property at Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

The expense account of General Synod shows that on the 1st day of May, 1876, there had been advances for salaries, contingent expenses, repairs, &c., to the amount of \$30,608.02, that payments for different objects, particularly specified, amounting in the aggregate (including an item of interest overpaid on donation of Colonel Henry Rutgers, to the amount of \$16.66), to the sum of \$13,577.34, had been made since that time to the 1st day of May, 1876, and that sums had been received on that account during the same time, to the amount of \$13,452.19, from which, and the sum of \$1,083.49, on hand May 1st, 1875, the above mentioned payments were made, leaving still a balance of such advances on the 1st day of May, 1876, of \$29,649.68.

The estimate of amount to be raised to meet the deficiency in the revenues of the Synod for the current year, shows that there will be a deficiency of \$1,370 to meet the expenses relating to Theological Seminary, and of \$1,431 (usually assessed on the Classes to meet the traveling expenses of delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, of Corresponding delegates and of other expenses payable by Synod).

The Board call attention to the fact that the "Vedder Lecture Fund" is unavailable; in regard to which the Committee deem it sufficient to refer to the action taken last year. See Minutes of Synod, pages 214 and 338.

The Board also call attention to the fact that Mrs. Board the maker of a note of \$10,000, held by them, on which there is a balance of \$5,800 unpaid, asks to be released therefrom. They say that, believing the said note to be good, they advanced on account thereof to the Hertzog Hall Committee, \$2,426 99; and that if such release is given, "it will cause an addition" of that amount, "to the debt of the Synod unless some measure can be devised by which such a result can be averted."

It appears from the report of the Board of Direction that advances have been made from the permanent fund, from time to time to different objects, and that the principal of those advances,

irrespective of the sum advanced on the note in question, is \$29,-649.68. It will be unwise to divert the further sum of \$2,426.99 from that fund, without any recourse to available means to replace it; and past experience shows that no diversion of that fund from its legitimate purpose should be made, and when made, its restoration is apparently hopeless.

Under the circumstances of the case, as presented to your Committee, they do not feel warranted in recommending, and cannot assume the responsibility of a recommendation that the release asked for should be given, and therefore they cannot advise Synod to direct the Board of Direction to comply with the request to that effect made to them.

It may be added that Synod is notified by the report of the Board, that at the time of its date, May 31, 1876, there were not then sufficient funds in hand belonging to Permanent Fund to pay the salaries of the Professors due 1st June, 1876. This is a strong reason why that fund should not be further reduced.

The Board of Direction state, that by a classification of the Board of Direction, directed by a resolution of Synod, adopted in June, 1871, the election of Mr. Brower as Treasurer of Synod, should have been to 1878; this the Committee believe would have been proper and that consequently the term of the person elected as Treasurer this year should expire 1878. There must, however, be a new election.

No other matters referred to your Committee connected with the Board of Direction, appear to require any special attention.

The Committee, in view of the facts presented by the Board, offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod make provision for the estimated deficiency of funds which, as reported by the Board of Direction, will exist in the revenues applicable to the expenses relating to the Theological Seminary, amounting to the sum of one thousand three hundred and seventy dollars (\$1,370).

2. *Resolved*, That the estimated deficiency of funds for the payment of the other expenses reported by the Board, in the contingent expenses of the General Synod, amounting to the sum of one thousand four hundred and thirty-one dollars (\$1,431) be apportioned among the several classes and be collected from them.

3. *Resolved*, That so much of the Report of the Board of Direction as refers to Mrs. Board be referred back to the Board, with power.

4. *Resolved*, That the communication from Prof. Woodbridge be referred to the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, New Jersey, for payment out of the first available funds.

Whereas, There appears to be an error as to the expiration of the term for which Jno. I. Brower was elected in 1875—which should have been for three (3) years instead of one (1)—therefore,

5. *Resolved*, That his term of service expire in 1878.

6. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Grounds and Property of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick shall pay over to the Treasurer of General Synod all moneys raised or collected by it (except from students) for the endowment, support, care or maintenance of the various interests connected with the grounds and property of the Theological Seminary, as the same shall be received; and that the said Committee may draw upon the Treasurer of General Synod from time to time as it shall require of the said funds, or the income, as may be in the Treasurer's hands and applicable to the support, maintenance or use of those interests committed to its care. The Committee, at the close of each fiscal year, shall make to the General Synod a full report, in detail, with vouchers, of all moneys expended by it; and also in gross of the amounts of each trust, the income of which has been used by said Committee.

Your Committee having directed the attention of Synod to the deficiency in the Permanent Fund, arising from advances and payments therefrom, for purposes not properly payable therefrom, deem that they are not required to make any suggestion in reference to the restoration of the moneys diverted therefrom, and leave it to Synod to devise and provide means for that purpose.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. LOTT, *Chairman*.

JAMES ANDERSON,

ALLEN ROSSMAN,

GARRET I. BLAUVELT,

PETER A. VOORHEES.

Dated June 13th, 1876.

Prof. John De Witt, D.D., on behalf of the Executive Committee appointed by the Synod in 1873, on the Endowment of the Seminary at New Brunswick, presented a report of the progress of the work, and offered some suggestions; whereupon the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed with reference to the suggestions of Prof. De Witt, in behalf of the Committee on Endowment, and that the Treasurer of Synod be directed to make the proposed corrections, if in the judgment of the Committee, so appointed, they are just.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be instructed hereafter, if necessary, to borrow the amount needed for Synodical expenses, in anticipation of the payment of the assessments upon Classes, in order that the whole income from the Permanent Seminary Fund may be devoted to its legitimate purpose.

The statement and suggestions were then referred to a Committee consisting of Elders S. R. W. Heath, and S. B. Schieffelin, who presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of Professor De Witt, on behalf of the Executive Committee appointed by the General Synod in 1873, would respectfully report, that on account of the financial embarrassment, no effort has been made by that Committee to add to the Permanent Seminary Fund during the past year. That in addition to the principal object of their appointment, two successive General Synods have asked the aid of that Committee in providing for the current deficiencies in the income of the Permanent Fund. In view of the estimated deficiency, for the coming year, as presented by the Treasurer of General Synod of \$1,370. Professor De Witt asks that the Treasurer be authorized to transfer certain sums of money which were received for current expenses, and which had been carried to the credit of the Permanent Fund, so that those sums could be used for current expenses. Your Committee would present the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to use, for the expenses of the General Synod, any of the funds received for ordinary expenses of the General Synod since June 1873, which were not specially given for the Permanent Fund for special purposes, or for the reduction of the debt of the Synod.

As the Committee propose to raise any deficiency, which may occur during the present year, your Committee would offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee composed of the same members be continued the coming year.

S. R. W. HEATH, }
SAMUEL B. SCHIEFFELIN, } *Committee.*

Mr. John Van Nest was elected President of the Board of Direction, in the place of Mr. Peter R. Warner.

Mr. Peter S. Duryee was elected a member of the Board for the term of five years.

Mr. John I. Brower's term of service was extended, so as to expire in 1878.

Mr. John I. Brower was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The following resolutions were also adopted :

Resolved, That the salary of the Treasurer of the General Synod be hereafter fifteen hundred dollars.

Resolved, That this increase of five hundred dollars be apportioned among the different funds in his charge in the same way as his salary heretofore has been.

Resolved, That it be respectfully recommended to the Board of Direction to so modify their rules in relation to the appropriations from the "Disabled Ministers' Fund," that whenever disability and death occur, and want and suffering immediately follow, there may be some prompt relief obtained without the painful necessity of waiting for several months for the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Committee of Appropriations.

The Chairman of the Committee of five appointed by the last General Synod to separate and arrange the funds and endowments of the General Synod, &c., asked further time for the consideration of the subject, and the Committee was continued for another year.

Resolved, That until the Permanent Seminary Fund shall be fully adequate for all purposes, whenever there shall be a surplus remaining at the end of the year, the Treasurer be directed to hold it as a balance in hand to meet future deficiencies, as in his own annual report, dated May 1st, 1875.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following reports were received from delegates to other bodies, read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence :

From Rev. R. Pieters, delegate to the Christian Reformed Church in the Netherlands.

From Rev. Edward A. Collier, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

From Rev. N. D. Williamson, delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

From Rev. Edward W. Bentley, delegate to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

From Rev. William Ormiston, delegate to the Canada Presbyterian Church.

From Rev. David Inglis and Rev. Edward P. Ingersoll, stating that they had corresponded by letter with the French Evangelical Church of Lower Canada.

From Rev. G. H. Mandeville, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South).

From Rev. E. P. Rogers, stating that he had attended, as the only delegate representing our Church, the meeting of delegates from various Presbyterian bodies throughout the world, held in London, in July last. A copy of the Minutes of the Convention accompanied the letter.

From Rev. A. C. Van Raalte and Rev. Charles Scott, stating that they had corresponded by letter with the Christian Reformed Synod in the Netherlands.

The Chairman of the Committee on Confederation of the Presbyterian Churches in this country and in Europe presented the following report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Correspondence :

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

The Chairman of the Committee on the Confederation of the Presbyterian Churches in this country and Europe begs leave to report, that, at the late meeting held in London, the title which the body assumed was that of "Presbyterian Alliance." That, at that meeting, the only representative of our Church who was able to be

present was Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., and it was decided that the first meeting of the Alliance should be held in Edinburgh, on the 4th of July, 1876.

At the urgent solicitation of the American Committee, this meeting was postponed, on account of the Centennial Celebration in this country, until July 4th, 1877; and at their late meeting, May 9th, 1876, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That the Committees representing the different Presbyterian Churches in this country that have joined the Alliance, request the Chairman of each separate Church Committee to ask the Supreme Court of his own Church to appoint, at its first meeting, its delegates to the Edinburgh Council Meeting of 1877.

In accordance with the above resolution, it is recommended that General Synod appoint eight delegates to attend the meeting of the Council at Edinburgh in 1877—four Primarii and four Secundi.

M. S. HUTTON, *Chairman*.

June 10th, 1876.

Rev. John B. Thompson called the attention of the Synod to the *Free Christian Church in Italy*, and presented a copy of their Minutes, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Jared W. Scudder presented a copy of the proceedings of the Conference on Presbyterian Alliance held at Allahabad, India, December 23d and 24th, 1875, and also a copy of the Twenty-second Annual Report of the Arcot Mission.

The credentials of Rev. R. G. Brank, D.D., and Rev. W. S. Plumer, D.D., as delegates from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South), were received, read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Dr. Plumer was present, and addressed the Synod on the third day.

The credentials of Rev. N. Van Alstine and Rev. W. D. Strobel, D.D., delegates from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, were presented, with a copy of the proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Convention of the Synod. Read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Mr. Van Alstine was present, and addressed the Synod on the third day.

The credentials of Rev. Wilson Phraner, delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, were presented, read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Mr. Phraner was present, and addressed the Synod on the seventh day.

The credentials of Rt. Rev. George David Cummins, D.D., and Rev. B. B. Leacock, D.D., delegates from the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, were received, read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. B. B. Leacock, D.D., was present, and addressed the Synod on the third day.

The credentials of Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., and Rev. Edmund R. Eschback, delegates from the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, were received, read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. Dr. Apple was present, and addressed the Synod on the fourth day.

The credentials of Rev. S. M. Ramsey, delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A letter was received from Rev. Mr. Ramsey, stating his inability to attend the meeting of Synod, and conveying the "kind salutations and heartfelt greetings" of the Church he represented, and was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

It having been stated that the meeting of the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church had been postponed until July, it was *Resolved*, That the delegates appointed by the last Synod to that body be continued in order to attend this meeting.

The Committee of Conference with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (North) presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee, directed by the General Synod, "to confer with the Committee of the General Assembly (North), in regard to any co-operation with that Assembly, &c.," would respectfully report:

That the Committee was deprived of its Chairman, Rev. H. D. Ganse, who transferred his relations to the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Philip Peltz was chosen Chairman of the Committee.

The last General Synod was informed (see Minutes 1875, page 259) of the action of this Committee, and the failure to obtain a response from the Committee of the General Assembly, owing to the lack of a quorum of that Committee.

A meeting of the Synod's Committee was called April 13th, 1876, to confer with the Committee of the General Assembly. After a pleasant conference between the members of the two Committees, we received from the Assembly's Committee a communication, in reply to the paper submitted by us in March, 1875. The reply is as follows:

" *Whereas*, These Committees were originally appointed to confer in regard to the desirableness and practicability of UNION between the two bodies which they represent, and

" *Whereas*, The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, in the year 1874, declined to continue their Committee (as had been recommended) for further conference concerning *Union*; and subsequently appointed a Committee to confer with us in regard to *co-operation*, a matter which had not been committed to us by the General Assembly, and

" *Whereas*, A document has been presented to us by said Committee containing certain proposals and measures relating to *co-operation* by our several Boards and Missions, &c., and

" *Whereas*, The terms of correspondence already existing between the two bodies provide for the most friendly relations, which we trust will always be continued, and

" *Whereas*, The main objects proposed to be accomplished by this scheme of *co-operation* can easily be attained without it:

Therefore be it

" *Resolved*, That we inform the Committee of the Reformed Church, that in our judgment the plan proposed by them is *inexpedient*; and that in reporting our action to the next General Assembly, we request to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject."

Your Committee would report that they deem it *inexpedient* to pursue the subject of *co-operation*. With the earnest hope that the

fraternal relations of these two branches of Christ's Church will ever be most pleasant and fruitful of good results, the following resolution is proposed for adoption by the Synod:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

PH. PELTZ, *Chairman*.

It was

Resolved, That at future sessions of the General Synod, the evening of the third day be set apart for the reception of delegates from sister Churches, and that the Stated Clerk give due notice to the Churches from whom we receive delegates.

Resolved, That in case of failure to receive a delegate from any corresponding body for two years, the Stated Clerk call the attention of our elected delegate to the resolution of this Synod, adopted with reference to such cases in 1872 (p. 441).

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report:

That they have had referred to them the credentials of the Corresponding Delegates who have been welcomed to the Synod, and have already addressed it; also the credentials of the Rev. John Laing and Elder James Croil, delegates from the Canada Presbyterian Church; and of the Rev. S. M. Ramsey, delegate from the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, with letters explaining the reasons of their absence, and conveying their salutations to this General Synod.

Reports have also been received from the following delegates from the General Synod to corresponding bodies, viz: from the Rev. William Ormiston, Delegate to Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church; from the Rev. E. W. Bentley, Delegate to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church; from the Rev. N. D. Williamson, Delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; from the Rev. E. A. Collier, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; from the Rev. G. H. Mandeville, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the

United States (South); and from the Rev. R. Pieters, Delegate to the Christian Reformed Synod in the Netherlands; and also from the Revs. Charles Scott and A. C. Van Raalte, stating that the Synod last named will not meet again until 1878, and recommending that copies of the Minutes of this General Synod be sent annually to Rev. H. Dorner of Leyden. This request we recommend to be complied with by the Stated Clerk. The other papers referred to require no action by this Synod.

The Fifth Evangelization Report of the Free Christian Church in Italy (Free Italian Church), has been laid before the Synod, accompanied by statements made by one of the members now present. Upon so much of this report as pertains to the Biblical College in Rome, your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod has heard with gratitude to God of the progress of the Free Christian Church in Italy, and especially of the establishment of a Biblical College in Rome, for the training of native evangelists and pastors.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby commends this Church and College, and especially the establishment of a Professorship of Evangelical Theology therein, to the consideration of Christians to whom God has given the ability and the disposition to use their property in such manner as shall be most promotive of His glory.

The proceedings of the Conference on Presbyterian Alliance, held at Allahabad, in December, 1875, have also been considered by your Committee, and while they recommend the approval of its general objects and of the part taken in it by the representative of our own Church, they also propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod cannot, under the Constitution of the Reformed Church in America, assent to the proposal of the Allahabad Conference, to invest said conference "with judicial authority" in cases of appeal from decisions made by any ecclesiastical body in India, belonging to this Church.

The Committee, also in this connection, recall the action of the General Synod of 1874, on this subject (see Minutes, p. 143), "permitting such alliance by our brethren in that field, in so far as it shall not conflict with their nearer relations to our own Board."

We have also received the Minutes of the Conference of Delegates from Presbyterian Churches in various parts of the world, held in London, in July, 1875, with Introductory Narrative and Appendix.

Also, a report from the Rev. E. P. Rogers, of his attendance upon the sessions of that body.

Also, a report from the Rev. M. S. Hutton, Chairman of the Committee on the Confederation of the Presbyterian Churches in this Country and Europe, and requesting, in behalf of the Alliance, that delegates be appointed by this General Synod to attend the meeting of the Council at Edinburgh, July 4, 1877.

In compliance with this request, the following persons are respectively nominated as Delegates to said Council, viz:

Primarii: Rev. William Ormiston, D. D.

Rev. Jared W. Scudder.

Rev. David Inglis, D.D.

Rev. J. McC. Holmes, D.D.

Elder William Bogardus.

Secundi: Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D.

Rev. Rufus W. Clark, D.D.

Rev. Charles E. Hart.

Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.

Elder S. B. Schieffelin.

It being understood that the President, Stated Clerk, and Permanent Clerk of the General Synod be authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in this list of delegates.

In view of the statements made by the Rev. Dr. Plumer, Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South), and of the Rev. Henry B. Blake, in behalf of the education of preachers among the Colored People of the South, the following preamble and resolutions are proposed for adoption:

Whereas, By the terms of the correspondence agreed upon and reciprocally adopted by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, it was expressly agreed "that inasmuch as the work which the Assembly's Sustentation Committee is doing for the Evangelization of the Colored population of the South, justly

makes larger demands upon the help of the Reformed Church than any part of the Domestic Missionary work of the last named Church can, at this time, make upon the help of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, it is recommended that the members of the Reformed Church consider with great sympathy that department of the Assembly's Home Missionary work, and send their contributions, to that general cause, to the Treasury of the Assembly's Committee. A particular account of the receipt and use of all sums thus contributed shall be made to the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church."

And *whereas*, The General Synod is advised that the Assembly has resolved to establish a school in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, under the care of the Rev. Dr. Stillman, assisted by a competent instructor in English, for the purpose of training up colored preachers of good talent and character;

And *whereas*, The Rev. Henry B. Blake, a man already tried in this service, and having the confidence, to a large extent of the colored people, and the confidence of the Presbytery of Wilmington, in connection with the Southern Assembly, is ready to undertake the Evangelization in a large district of North Carolina; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Synod the sum of \$2,500 should be raised during the next Synodical year, in aid of the foregoing important objects, and when collected that it be forwarded to the Rev. Richard McIlwaine, Treasurer of the Committee of Sustentation, at Baltimore.

2. *Resolved*, That the Revs. David Inglis and William C. Handy, and Elder John Hopkins, be appointed by this Synod as a Committee to take this matter in charge, and to endeavor by all proper means to accomplish this object.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman*.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following were appointed:

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America:—Rev. C. E. Crispell, *Primarius*; Rev. J. W. Beardslee, *Sucundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South):—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, *Primarius*; Rev. Jared W. Scudder, *Secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church:—Rev. David Inglis, *Primarius*; Rev. E. T. Corwin, *Secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:—Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, *Primarius*; Rev. S. W. Roe, *Secundus*.

To the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church:—Rev. James Demarest, Jr., *Primarius*; Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, *Secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:—Rev. J. S. Joralmon, *Primarius*; Rev. A. H. Van Vranken, *Secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada:—Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, *Primarius*; Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, *Secundus*.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The reports received from the Particular Synod and from the Classes, for the past year, call for special gratitude. On nearly every portion of the field occupied by our Church, the gentle dews, or the copious showers have descended. In nearly all the Classes from whom we have received reports, there have been instances of special religious interest; while in some, nearly all the Churches have shared in the quickening and sanctifying influences. It is impossible fully to estimate the fruits of this revival. There is nothing for which men are less competent. The measurements can only be known when the Judge Himself declares them. But the following facts gathered from the tables of statistics are encouraging testimonies to the good, in its highest form, derived from the ordinances of the Church through the manifested power of the Holy Ghost. Last year there were 70,628 members reported as in

communion with our Church, this year there are 74,597, showing a net increase of 3,969, or very nearly 4,000. Last year there were received on confession of their faith 4,423, this year there were 5,993, an increase of 1,570. Last year there were 924 adult baptisms, this year there were 1,944, an increase of 1,020. Thus while a goodly number have been gathered in from among the baptised children of the Church, the accessions to the Church from the world have been unusually large.

The numbers received on certificate have been 1,973, less by 143 than those thus received last year. There were 1,933 dismissed, indicating that there were 40 more received than were dismissed. We have lost by death 1,013, and 126 have been suspended. This last particular is indeed painful in one aspect of it ; but it is at the same time a testimony to the faithfulness with which the discipline of the Church is administered by our ministers and elders.

Among the Classes which have been specially blessed, the following may be mentioned: Hudson, Kingston, North Long Island, South Long Island, New York, Orange, Poughkeepsie and Westchester, being all the Classes in the Particular Synod of New York, with the exception of the Classis of Arcot, to which special attention will be called in a subsequent part of the report. All the Classes in the Particular Synod of Albany, with one exception, report a revived condition of some of their Churches. The Classes of Michigan, Illinois, Holland, Wisconsin and Grand River, being all the Classes in the Particular Synod of Chicago, report that the means of grace have been attended with rich blessings. In the Particular Synod of New Brunswick the Classes of South Bergen, Monmouth, Newark, New Brunswick, Passaic and Philadelphia, report a wide spread religious interest, while the remaining Classes of Bergen, Paramus and Raritan report encouraging instances of revival, and a general state of peace and prosperity. Your Committee find it impossible within due limits to specify the congregations which have been specially blessed. It has been their pleasant duty to read page after page of extracts from the consistorial reports expressing the same feelings of devout gratitude to God, for the marked quickening of the people of God, and for the large accessions to the membership of the Church from the world. In

reference to the children of the Church there have been 4,230 infant baptisms, and there are 574 Sabbath schools, an increase over last year of 70; and in these schools, there are 73,179 scholars, showing an increase of 5,138 over those reported last year. It is cause for devout thankfulness that these schools are sharing so largely in the awakening interest.

Attention is called to the fact that only 42,268 families are this year reported as against 42,277 last year, a decrease of 9. When the large increase of membership is taken into consideration, it is apparent that there is some serious defect in the numbers reported under this column. Attention is respectfully called to the remarks on this subject in last year's report (see minutes, page 268), and it is respectfully suggested that the attention of clerks of consistories, Classes and Particular Synods, be directed to the importance of greater care in making up the figures under this important head.

The picture, however, is not all brightness; there are shadows as well as light, spreading themselves over all the reports. While a few congregations report an increase in Christian liberality, yet we believe in every Classis there has been a falling off in the amounts contributed both for Benevolent and Congregational purposes. Last year \$282,505, were contributed for benevolent purposes, this year only \$209,515, a decrease of \$72,990. The amount contributed last year for Congregational purposes was \$944,176, this year it was only \$872,011, a decrease of \$72,105. In consequence of the continued monetary stringency, there has been a greatly decreased expenditure upon Churches and parsonages, and this under the circumstances, was wise and prudent; but it is deeply to be regretted that there has been so large a decrease in the benevolent contributions. Not until the members of the Church have denied themselves every luxury, are they warranted to lessen their contributions for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Liberality is not piety, but it is the fruit of piety. Divine grace is no superficial thing, while it enters in to the depths of the spiritual being, it extends to all the emotions and acts of men, relaxes the selfish hold of the heart upon the world, and opens the heart to every claim of Christian benevolence. It is hoped that as one of the fruits of the gracious awakening with which the Church is now blessed, the fountains of benevolence will be deepened, and its

streams made broader and more copious, and that next year's reports will give evidence of a great increase in the Christian liberality of our Church. It is in this connection that we call special attention to the report from the Classis of Arcot. The following extract from this report is presented for the consideration of our Churches :

"Does our Church wish to have its work here die out? I sometimes think she does. Our older men are compelled to leave the field, but none are sent to take their places. Our work is extended, but our appropriations are contracted. If men and means are short, I am afraid there is a deficiency also in prayer. This being the case, can the Church look for great success? The Lord has not left us without tokens of his blessing, but we desire to see greater things, and hope that the Reformed Church will not forget that the Lord is calling upon her to give the Gospel to over two million souls in our district."

In this Missionary Classis there are 586 Christian families, and 773 members, of whom 82 have been added on profession of their faith during the year, a larger percentage than in any other Classis in the Church.

We have already mentioned that 1,013 of our members have died during the year, to these must be added nine ministers. The Rev. S. P. M. Hastings, pastor of the Church of Rochester, "a wise man, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord with marked dignity, yet with sweet gentleness, which endeared him to all who knew him." Rev. Nathan W. Jones, a member of the Classis of Orange, without charge. Rev. Dr. C. Van Cleef, of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, "who has gone to his reward, leaving us the legacy of his noble Christian Example." Rev. William Johns of the Classis of Greene, "has passed into his rest." The Rev. W. Van der Kley of Graafschap, "rests from his labors, and his works do follow him." The Rev. John Garretson, Rector of Hertzog Hall, concerning whom we can say, he was a good man, endowed with wisdom and good judgment, which rendered him efficient in the performance of the duties of his calling, while his zeal in the Master's service was regulated and guided by an unction from the Holy One; these characteristics were conspicuous in his work while Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, as well as in the regular ministry of

the Gospel. The Rev. A. C. Hillman, of the South Classis of New York, who, after protracted sufferings, departed this life in peace and hope. The Rev. Stephen H. Meeker also of the South Classis of New York. About a year before his death he preached his 50th anniversary sermon; all who knew him, loved and honored him as a faithful minister of our Lord, and applied to him our Lord's own words, "An Israelite indeed, in whom there was no guile." Rev. N. J. Marselus, who lived to a venerable age, and during a long ministry was noted for his faithful and earnest presentation of the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel. His work was blessed by several revivals of religion. To him was given the honor of introducing over twenty young men into the work of the Gospel ministry.

The reports furnish gratifying proofs not only that the distinctive doctrines of our beloved Church are faithfully and earnestly taught in our pulpits, and that our Heidelberg Catechism continues to be taught both in our Sabbath-schools and our Churches, but also that there is a growing appreciation of the ordinances of Divine worship. The increasing and fervent attendance at Divine institutions, and especially the increased interest in the social prayer meetings, furnish an important ground of hope that the blessings, already received, are only the first drops of a great shower of blessings. Another hopeful feature in the view presented to us in these reports is the almost unbroken prevalence of peace and unity in the Church. There is not only the absence of division and contention, but the Churches generally appear to be subject to the positive and cementing influence of Christian lives.

God has imposed on us as a Church a sublime duty. Vast tracts of heathenism call for our care and culture, and demand increased effort in connection with our Foreign Missions. We must do our part too in securing the welfare of our beloved country. It is not enough to go back upon the past and recount the scenes and events of the last hundred years. Surpassing urgency and grandeur of effort are demanded of us in connection with our present position and our future destiny. Our Church must do its part in the great work. If the influences of a right mental culture, and a pure religion shall pervade the nation, if we can make this country the land of the school house, of the Bible, of the Sabbath, and

of the Sanctuary, the Republic is safe, and its future will be glorious. This will require the increasing and munificent benefactions of the Church, and the consecrated lives not only of ministers, elders and deacons, but also of all the Godly men and women in our communion. God has been gracious. His Spirit is diffusing among us spiritual life and fervor. With grateful hearts we thank Him for the precious memories of the past, and for the brightening tokens of the future. Under the impulse of gratitude, let us devote ourselves anew to His cause and glory.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the second Sabbath of October next be observed as a day of thanksgiving to God for the great blessings of the past year, and of united prayer for the continued and increased manifestation of the power of the Holy Ghost throughout our land.

On behalf of the Committee,

DAVID INGLIS, *Chairman*.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS				
		Number of Families		On Confession	On Certificate	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens		Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
First Albany	R. W. Clark	268	49	15	16	8	8	*605	13	20	.....	1	500	\$5,579	\$8,450	Albany	N. Y.
Second Albany	D. K. Bartlett	143	11	2	7	2	2	277	7	2	.....	1	270	1,610 41	15,258 88	Albany,	"
Third Albany	James B. Campbell	66	2	1	3	2	114	4	1	50	1	386	460 41	2,262 15	Albany,	"
Fourth Albany	J. F. Neef	70	11	8	4	1	150	19	26	1	126	78 75	2,352 04	Albany,	"
Holland Albany	A. Zweimer	77	7	1	1	99	10	40	1	88	80	1 182	Albany,	"
Second Berne	W. H. Ballagh	70	2	9	.....	3	.....	121	8	1	.....	1	70	40 80	556	Knox,	"
First Bethlehem	W. J. Skillman	150	1	2	3	244	11	5	1	330	282 44	2,108 48	Albany,	"
Second Bethlehem	J. L. Pearce (s. c.)	90	8	4	.....	2	.....	183	1	2	.....	1	130	209 81	1,840	Adam's Station,	"
Clarksville	J. Pearce	40	20	1	.....	1	.....	77	1	10	.....	1	88	13	300	New Salem,	"
Cocoymans	J. A. H. Cornell	105	4	1	3	147	1	2	128	1	128	187 93	3,000	Cocoymans,	"
Jerusalem	E. Vedder	86	1	.....	.....	2	.....	161	.....	.....	.....	1	130	88 09	8,995 07	Jerusalem,	"
Knox	W. H. Ballagh	24	.....	8	.....	44	.....	44	1	.....	.....	1	56	79	495	Knox	"
New Baltimore	J. L. Zabriskie	75	25	7	4	1	194	11	16	60	1	137	298 97	1,514 45	New Baltimore,	"
New Salem	N. Pearce	85	3	1	2	4	.....	207	.....	.....	.....	1	140	65	6,275 67	New Salem,	"
Oniskethaw	E. Vedder	50	.....	1	.....	8	.....	87	2	.....	.....	1	50	14 58	400 42	Jerusalem,	"
Union	J. M. Compton	45	10	5	.....	41	.....	106	.....	5	.....	1	61	11 58	614 86	Union Church,	"
Westerlo	J. H. Pitcher	50	43	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	1	70	.....	700	Chesterville,	"
Total	Total	1494	197	81	18	2	45	2857	84	75	304	21	2740	\$9,299 67	\$50,805 02			

Other Ministers.—S. Van Santvoord, New Baltimore. A. Dickson, Lansingburgh. H. Slauson, Whitehall. J. P. Pepper, Brooklyn.

* Revised.

CLASSIS OF ARCT.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS				BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS								
		Census	Number of Families	On Certificate			Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools		Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes					
				On Confession	Dismissed											Suspended	Died			
Arcoot and 3 out stations.	Rev. John Scudder, M D	66	2	12	9	4	...	62	13	8	25	...	269	428	9	5	51	4	Arcoot, Madras Pres., S. India.	
Arcoot " 3 "	" "	29	...	...	...	...	43	26	8	...	3	...	115	19	14	8	7	7	"
Adendal	Rev. Andrew Sawyer	17	3	3	40	1	2	70	6	8	4	...	12	8	4	11	4	12	"	
Chittoor	Rev. Zachariah John	40	...	...	...	...	20	6	8	...	2	...	174	93	4	11	58	5	Chittoor
Goonoor and 1 out station	Rev. John Scudder, M D	53	...	...	...	...	62	8	8	...	10	...	207	49	15	4	73	5	Goonoor
Gnanodiam & 1 out station	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	27	...	...	...	...	49	8	8	...	2	...	138	17	6	2	5	6	Arcoot
Kandavatur & 1 out station	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	21	...	...	...	...	34	2	0	...	7	...	79	19	7	6	9	13	Vellore
Kattupadi and 8 out stations	" "	24	2	...	...	...	39	0	2	...	21	...	120	15	11	...	8	13	"
Kottapalli and 4 out stations	Rev. Andrew Sawyer	36	...	26	...	...	26	2	2	...	48	...	143	13	7	...	11	14	Chittoor
Marutavayal and 5 out stations	E. C Scudder, M D	13	...	...	...	...	16	6	...	...	2	...	56	11	5	8	4	4	Vellore
Mudunivally & 5 out stations	Rev. E. J. Heeren, M. A.	47	...	...	...	...	21	6	...	...	...	...	210	37	4	4	15	6	Palamanair
Palamanair	" "	14	...	...	...	...	16	1	...	...	2	...	41	33	9	6	5	...	"
Orator and 5 out stations	Rev. E. C Scudder, M D	75	70	16	126	77	70	...	21	...	825	39	1	5	8	14	8	Vellore
Sattambadi & 2 out stations	Rev. John Scudder, M D	22	...	...	...	...	36	5	...	...	4	...	84	19	14	8	2	6	Arcoot
Sekondam & 2 out stations	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	24	...	...	...	...	32	4	...	...	12	...	92	16	15	...	10	3	Vellore
Varkkal and 1 out station	" "	12	...	16	...	...	24	16	9	...	1	...	67	7	10	4	1	8	"
Vellam Vellore	Rev. John Scudder, M D	21	...	2	...	...	40	2	...	...	1	...	93	9	10	1	5	4	Arcoot
Vellore	Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D.	45	5	11	60	10	2	...	180	399	15	1	84	8	10	Vellore
Total		586	82	76	74	18	12	773	178	96	167	...	2460	1236	4	10	367	11	3	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. W. Scudder, and Rev. J. Chamberlain, in America.

Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, Tindevanum, Madras Pres. S. India.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census Number of Families	On Certificate				Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
			On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended									
English Neighborhood	Andrew B. Taylor	...	6	1	...	2	33	2	...	...	...	75	\$125	\$ 800	Ridgefield, N. J.
First Hackensack	Theodore B. Romeyn	...	17	5	12	4	275	15	4	150	...	175	1,750	8 500	Hackensack, "
Schraalenberg	William E. Gordon, (s. c.)	150	13	2	...	...	251	4	2	...	...	170	243 08	...	Schraalenberg, "
New Durham	William V. V. Mabon	80	12	8	1	...	151	18	3	200	...	300	...	...	Weehawken, "
First Hoboken	Charles Parker	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	Hoboken, "
Third Jersey City	J. Howard Suydam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jersey City, "
North Bergen	John Justin	53	10	...	...	...	76	6	...	89	...	218	88	985 05	Weehawken, "
Second Hackensack	Cyrus B. Durand	99	9	4	1	...	150	4	2	...	...	120	340	8,020	Hackensack, "
Germantown	Leopold Moun	...	...	...	...	...	94	25	...	...	...	85	15	1,696 21	Hoboken, "
Garman, Hackensack	Herman Ricke	67	16	...	2	...	102	5	2	100	...	200	86	1,470 17	Hackensack, "
Closter City	Peter V. Van Buskirk	80	6	2	1	...	79	6	1	...	...	85	6 32	962 05	Closter City, "
Palisades	Henry Mattice	84	11	2	2	...	35	2	1	50	...	150	...	500	Fort Lee, "
Guttenberg	Vacant	50	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Guttenberg, "
Central Ave. J. C. Heights	Algernon Matthews	...	...	1	...	...	60	6	...	12	...	125	86	500	Jersey City, "
Fort Lee	Vacant	70	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Fort Lee, "
Cherry Hill	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cherry Hill, "
Total	Total	768	118	25	19	...	14 1836	93	15	551	...	1,803	\$2,639 40	\$18,386 48	

Other Ministers.—A. H. Warner, Chaplain, Hackensack, N. J. C. Wiley. G. L. Wolfe. James H. Balleghe, Missionary, Kanagawa, Japan.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAPT.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES			
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Rec'd	Dismissed		Suspended	Died	Total now in	Infants	Adults		Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Bergen.....	{ Benj. C. Taylor, P. E. }	200	19	22	11	...	...	1	235	8	3	302	2	357	\$2,241 61	\$5,053 38	Hudson City, N. J.
First Jersey City.....	James L. Amerman,	108	17	4	3	...	...	2	166	5	4	110	1	157	419 54	4,093 52	Jersey City, "
First Bayonne.....	William W. Halloway, Jr.	76	5	10	8	1	...	...	166	16	...	82	1	160	280	3,500	Bayonne, "
First Van Vorst.....	Charles H. Stitt	140	11	12	8	...	...	9	259	9	1	150	2	325	1,553	6,800	Jersey City, "
Bergen Point.....	Paul D. Van Cleef.....	110	7	11	2	...	...	...	164	7	2	120	1	145	500	4,125	Jersey City, "
Second Hudson City.....	Henry W. P. Jones.....	68	9	8	6	...	...	2	143	14	1	28	1	235	172 86	1,606 97	Bergen Point, "
Lafayette.....	Charles Doeppenschmidt	80	3	1	6	...	...	8	154	7	...	...	1	175	1,107 60	5,263 60	Hudson City, "
West End.....	Wm. Rankin Buryce (s.o.)	40	12	5	7	1	...	2	51	6	3	150	1	130	27 60	* 1,321 23	151 Pacific Av., Jersey City, "
Greenville.....	Wm. H. Van Doren.....	46	14	4	3	...	...	...	68	8	3	90	1	140	109	5,069 81	81 Cottage St., Jersey City, "
Free Jersey City.....	Alex. H. Young.....	85	15	1	11	3	...	...	125	29	3	100	1	187	108 89	955 87	Greenville, "
Third Bayonne.....	Andrew J. Park.....	36	5	...	...	...	...	...	41	7	...	12	1	60	...	480 Henderson St., J. C., "	
South Bergen.....	Wm. L. Elterich.....	48	9	8	...	...	...	1	62	18	2	...	1	125	310	845 86	Bergen Point, "
	Isaac P. Brokaw.....	1037	126	71	60	5	20	1684	134	22	1141	14	2216	\$6,829 50	2,055	29 Lexington Av., J. C., *	
	Total															\$41,619 74	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Charles D. Buck, Hoboken, N. J., in Mission service at Weehawken, N. J.

* Last Year's report.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES		
		Census Number of Families	On Certificate				Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes	
			On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended										Died
Canastota†	Vacant	88	2	2	1	1	54	2	1	100	1	50	\$300	\$1,500	Canastota, Chittenango, N. Y.	
Chittenango	J. H. Enders	86	2	2	1	1	87	40	1	125	1	125	18 62	1,000	Cicero, Lyssander, Naumburg, N. Y.	
Cicero†	Vacant	63	1	1	1	2	120	66	2	1	1	75	16 16	1,000	Naumburg, N. Y.	
Lyssander	Wm. A. Wurts, (s. o.)	70	1	1	1	2	120	42	1	1	1	16	85	1,805	Owasco, N. Y.	
Naumburg	John Boehrer	25	2	2	1	2	66	183	2	140	2	200	125	1,805	Owasco, N. Y.	
New Bremen	John Boehrer	26	2	2	1	2	42	70	1	80	1	40	865 37	3,394 68	Owasco Lake, Syracuse, N. Y.	
Owasco	Vacant	150	2	2	1	2	183	234	5	1	500	60	54	600	Syracuse, N. Y.	
Owasco Outlet†	Vacant	48	2	2	1	2	70	52	5	85	1	207	2,375 70	6,384 58	Alexandria Bay, Utica, N. Y.	
Syracuse	George Rockwell *	143	2	2	1	2	234	61	8	20	1	150	15	350	West Leyden, N. Y.	
Thousand Isles	Isaac S. Hartley	40	8	4	1	1	224	17	10	825	12	1543	\$3,265 70	\$15,091 25		
Utica	Jacob Weber	148	4	1	1	1	224	12	1238	12	1543	\$3,265 70	\$15,091 25			
West Leyden	Jacob Weber	32	1	1	1	1	61	8	17	10	825	12	1543	\$3,265 70	\$15,091 25	
Total	Total	854	23	7	7	12	1238	17	10	825	12	1543	\$3,265 70	\$15,091 25		

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. R. Brown and Rev. G. F. Verbeek, Nagasaki, Japan.

† Last year's report.

*Missionary.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Detroit	Vacant	34	3	1	2	1	7	...	4	12	...	...	\$8	\$483 48	669 Clinton Ave., Detroit, Mich.
Fremont Centre	Vacant	20	12	3	1	1	8	...	18	20	1	25	3 64	212	Fremont Centre, "	
1st Grand Haven	E. C. Oggel	208	12	6	11	3	69	...	239	140	1	260	376	2,576 40	Grand Haven, "	
2d Grand Haven	Vacant	58	33	2	4	...	81	...	81	85	1	150	544	800	Grand Haven, "	
2d Grand Rapids	N. H. Dosker	417	33	6	136	2	117	...	612	260	1	390	1,868 46	4,638 23	Grand Rapids, "	
3d Grand Rapids	A. Krelkard	90	13	33	...	7	108	...	108	190	1	165	144	639	Grand Rapids, "	
4th Grand Rapids	Vacant	110	6	3	5	...	13	...	92	130	1	160	207 54	161 24	Grand Rapids, "	
Grandville	W. P. de Jonge	60	5	3	5	...	78	...	1	36	1	50	155	470	Grandville, "	
Kalamazoo	Vacant	157	28	2	8	1	39	...	319	180	1	190	848 31	2,500 86	Kalamazoo, "	
Muskegon	Jacob Van der Meulen	209	22	2	...	1	62	...	218	230	1	220	515 94	1,858 44	Muskegon, "	
Polkton	M. Kiekintveld	70	4	1	2	...	7	...	80	80	...	...	150	570	Polkton, "
South Haven	Vacant	19	...	...	...	...	25	...	91	49	1	119	145 11	736 97	South Haven, "
Spring Lake	James de Pree	96	8	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Spring Lake, "
Twin Lakes	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Twin Lakes, "
Montague	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Montague, "
Total	...	1608	120	65	166	8	390	...	1961	1485	10	1729	\$4,966 08	\$15,636 62	...	

Other Ministers.—Rev. C. van der Meulen, Grand Rapids, Mich.

+ Not reported. + Last report. § No report received.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Census	Number of Families	On Certificate		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
				Rec'd	On Confession												
Arcadia	Vacant	80	4	6	2	2	2	86	18	1	30	1	60	...	\$233	East Newark, Wayne Co., N. Y.	
Buffalo	Henry K. Boer	48	2	2	8	2	2	64	5	...	...	1	60	...	725 61	Buffalo.
Cato	J. H. Van Doren	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$12 50	Cato, Cayuga Co.
Caroline	Vacant	66	4	8	4	1	175	9	40	1	75	1	75	108	725	Clymer, Chautauque Co.	
Clymer	G. J. Renskers	19	2	9	4	86	30	...	19	1	28	1	28	180	68 34	Dunkirk.	
Clymer Village	J. W. Te Winkel *	12	18	15	2	218	81	...	40	1	90	1	90	92 40	792 07	Williamson, Wayne Co.	
Dunkirk	Henry K. Boer	4102	8	2	5	2	81	...	1	1	56	1	56	90	2 187 18	Fair Haven, Cayuga Co.	
East Williamson	A. B. Veenhuizen	52	2	5	2	81	165	...	75	2	135	2	135	886 49	1,867 18	Farmer Village, Sen. Co.	
Fair Haven	Philip Furbeck	110	2	5	2	5	177	...	1	...	80	1	80	...	2,138 99	Geneva, Ontario	
Farmer Village	Wm. W. Brush	100	1	8	2	5	177	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ithaca.
Geneva	Vacant	140	39	8	4	9	213	...	18	...	225	1	225	280 15	1,769 47	Lodi, Seneca Co.	
Ithaca	H. P. McAdam	1165	7	22	4	8	326	...	86	...	50	1	150	122 15	1,140 80	Marion, Wayne Co.	
Lodi	J. W. Warnshuis	...	1	1	1	1	40	...	...	...	31	1	24	38 69	166	Mina, Chautauque Co.
Marion	Vacant	18	1	1	1	1	137	...	11	...	1	1	100	64 65	950 41	Pultneyville, Wayne Co.	
Mina Corners	P. G. M. Bahler	75	7	4	2	1	235	...	23	...	140	1	150	763 03	8,615 14	Rochester.	
Pultneyville	P. De Bruyn	197	16	8	6	4	7	...	53	...	20	1	58	66 11	594 39	Magee's Cor., Seneca Co.,	
Rochester	Vacant	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tyre	Vacant	1174	104	73	81	4	25	2043	93	20	498	16	1251	\$2,159 17	\$15,516 40	...	
Total	Total																

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. W. Whitbeck, (a. o.) Ithaca, N. Y. Rev. A. M. Mann, Farmer Village, Seneca Co., N. Y. Rev. P. B. Bahler, Rochester, N. Y. Rev. L. J. Jongeneel, Clymer, Chautauque Co., N. Y. Rev. W. D. Buckelew, Magee's Corners, Seneca Co., N. Y.

† Revised list.

‡ Last year's report.

* Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			Rec'd	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Re- nervant purposes		Congregational Purposes
First Athens	Alan D. Campbell	87	17	3	1	8	148	8	9	15	129	\$198 43	\$1,814 15	Athens, Leeds,	N. Y.		
Second Athens	B. Van Zandt, S. S.	25	1	1	1	5	24	1	1	1	1	180	180	Catskill,	"		
Catskill	John B. Thompson	4250	95	6	7	108	399	7	12	231	149	400 63	6,825 22	Catskill,	"		
First Cossackie	Maurice G. Hansen	90	3	1	1	1	157	2	2	30	100	165 54	1,740 25	Cossackie,	"		
Second Cossackie	Anson F. Munn	90	7	4	5	1	210	8	4	180	180	433 28	2,444 86	Cossackie,	"		
Kiskatom	Vacant	90	0	2	3	5	215	1	1	1	63	118	1,123 58	Kiskatom,	"		
Leeds	B. Van Zandt, (s. o.)	60	6	2	2	1	126	6	1	1	115	200	990	Leeds,	"		
Mooreville and Gilboa	Vacant										40	53 50	1,195	Prattsville,	"		
Prattsville	James C. Garretson	*65	13	2	4	7	*82	8	6		430	25 88	7 800	Roxbury,	"		
Roxbury	B. C. Miller	466	3	1	1	3	80	3	3	470					"		
Total	Total	823	85	20	23	22	1441	81	40	346	756	\$1,595 26	\$16,613 06				

Other Ministers.—Matthias Lusk, Cossackie, N. Y. Rev. J. W. Hammond, Shokan, N. Y.

* Revised list. † Pastor elect.

† Last year's report.

‡ Exclusive of income from bequests and Real estate.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census		Number of Families			Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
		On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died									Total now in Communion
B-averdam	John Broek	68	14	16	2	..	1	119	12	111	1	120	\$331 75	\$349 22	Zeeland, Ottawa Co., Michigan.
Cleveland	D. Broek	80	6	6	4	3	2	180	16	70	1	90	242	8,805 80	Cleveland, Ohio.
Drenthe	C. Van der Veen *	30	3	1	4	..	..	51	5	80	1	80	55	2,206 42	Vriesland, Ottawa Co., Mich.
Ebenzer	A. C. Kuiper	61	1	2	2	1	4	112	16	70	1	60	116 85	1,003 39	Holland, "
Fynarap	J. F. Zwemer	50	1	8	2	2	8	77	10	66	1	78	127 69	475 60	East Saugatuck, Allegan Co., "
Grafschap	Vacant	66	8	6	7	..	6	142	8	45	1	80	91 50	830 50	Grafschap, "
1st Holland	R. Pieters	142	12	18	9	..	5	276	37	185	1	230	1,434	1,650	Holland, Ottawa Co., "
8d Holland	H. Uiterwyk	146	15	6	4	..	4	247	33	155	1	245	511 24	2,086 69	Holland, "
James own	Jno. Van der Meulen	57	15	8	..	2	5	92	16	65	1	70	109 53	882	Forbes Grove, Ottawa Co., "
North Holland	B. Van Ess	118	9	5	2	1	2	118	21	152	..	..	260 52	2,170	New Holland, "
Overyssel	G. J. Nykerk.	180	26	23	6	..	3	373	36	310	1	300	678 38	1,200 34	Overyssel, Allegan "
East Overyssel	Vacant	18	1	1	2	..	..	33	4	16	..	..	86	150	Overyssel, "
Rottordam	Vacant	38	1	..	..	..	1	34	..	..	..	..	50	..	Cawker City, Kansas.
Saugatuck	Vacant	32	2	..	23	..	..	53	8	24	1	36	75	251 85	Saugatuck, Allegan "
Vriesland	Peter de Pree	97	1	3	5	..	1	146	12	130	1	150	446 01	1,575 09	Vriesland, Ottawa "
Zabriskie	Vacant	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hamilton, Allegan "
Zeeland	Wm. Moerdyk, (s. c.)	240	28	6	22	..	5	447	58	325	1	325	1,219 40	1,399 46	Zeeland, Ottawa "
	Total	1423	141	101	96	9	42	2400	294	1754	13	1859	\$5,784 67	\$15,318 26	

Other Ministers.—Rev. A. C. Van Kaalte, Holland, Mich. Rev. P. P. Phelps, Jr., President Hope College, Holland, Mich. Rev. T. E. Beck, Professor Hope College, Holland, Mich.

Candidate.—N. Neerken, Grafschap, Allegan Co., Mich.

* Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Hudson	John McC. Holmes, (s. o.)	200	28	10	6	4	470	8	11	200	1	310	\$2,037 43	\$5,850	Hudson, N. Y.	
First Claverack	John W. Schenck	100	30	1	4	3	237	3	7	.....	4	200	148 83	2,104 95	Claverack, "
Second Claverack	Arad J. Sebring	200	20	6	4	3	196	4	10	.....	8	200	413 85	1,878	Mellenville, "
Linlithgow	Thomas S. Dushinberre	94	4	1	1	4	139	5	2	.....	1	60	226 81	1,300	Livingston, "
Greenport	John S. Hinrod	98	51	2	1	3	180	5	9	38	2	160	409	1,405 76	Hudson, "	
Germanatown	James Wyckoff	105	42	2	3	4	144	8	4	138	1	174	314 22	8,256 64	Germanatown, "	
Upper Red Hook	Joseph Scudder	106	17	6	2	3	126	9	4	.....	3	140	109 27	1,015 83	Upper Red Hook, "
Tachikanie	John B. Church	76	15	1	4	3	128	1	7	.....	1	85	162 04	West Copake, "	
Gallatin*	De Witt B. Wyckoff	54	5	3	.....	44	1	2	1	2	.....	1	40	725 00	Mt. Ross, "
Livingston Ch. of Linlithgow	Abram H. Myers	1109	212	31	21	28	1921	52	84	376	17	1555	\$4,838 23	\$18,676 19	Linlithgow, "	
Total.....																

Other Ministers.—Rev. P. Van Wyck, Hudson. Rev. J. H. Bevier, Hudson. Rev. W. D. Perry, Hudson.

* Known previously as Greenbush.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census Number of Families	On Certificate				Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
			Rec'd	On Confession	Dismissed	Suspended									Died	Total now in Communion
Fair View.....	John S. Joramson, (s' c.).	116	8	2	8	2	198	8	2	80	2	160	\$340	\$1741	Fair View, Fulton Co., Illinois.
First Pekin.....	Ed. P. Livingston, S. S.	60	5	1	1	2	84	5	3	100	1	150	50	4,604 42	Pekin, Tasewell Co., "
Spring Lake.....	William B. Gilmore.....	23	5	2	2	2	38	4	.....	.....	.....	30	75	500	Manito, " "
Raritan.....	E. L. Adams, S. S.....	60	4	6	1	2	112	2	.....	.....	2	70	151 90	1,050	Karitan, Henderson Co., "
Bushnell.....	Geo. D. W. Bodine.....	53	2	1	10	113	3	2	.....	.....	1	95	105 75	1,206 45	Bushnell, McDonough Co., "
Davenport.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Davenport, Iowa, "
First Pella.....	Egbert Winter.....	200	10	6	4	5	295	41	167	1	200	926 16	8,415 55	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Havana.....	George Seibert, S. S.....	80	1	1	9	1	15	.....	16	1	150	25	895	Havana, Mason Co., Illinois.	
Second Pella.....	H. R. Schermerhorn.....	48	5	7	2	8	16	8	35	1	300	250	1,500	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Bethel.....	A. Wormser.....	81	12	1	1	1	44	11	9	112	1	160	75	500	Pella, " "
Leyden Centre.....	H. H. Johnson, S. S.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	30	40	163 70	Jefferson, Cook Co., Illinois.
Third Pella.....	E. B. Zubli, S. S.....	145	6	1	8	126	13	.....	160	1	200	85 53	1,700	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Fourth Pella.....	H. Stobbehaar.....	47	1	4	8	110	14	.....	50	1	125	75	1,020	Pella, " "	
Am. Ref., Chicago*.....	Vacant.....	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Chicago, Illinois.
Otley*.....	Vacant.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Otley, Iowa.
Orange City.....	Seine Belks.....	241	9	6	2	1	353	54	350	1	65	.....	.....	.....	Orange City, Sioux Co., Iowa.
Norris.....	S. A. Bunstead, S. S.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	200	.....	.....	Norris, Fulton Co., Illinois.
Norwood Park.....	Albert V. Gulick.....	36	2	3	1	33	1	1	.....	.....	1	80	.....	.....	Norwood Park, Cook Co., Ill.
Somerset*.....	Joseph Mayou, S. S.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	70	90	600	Somerset, Miami Co., Kas. sas.
Irving Park.....	Abram G. Lansing, S. S.....	64	10	17	8	42	2	8	.....	.....	1	69	217 58	1,512 55	Irving Park, Cook Co., Illinois.
Parkersburg.....	J. B. de Beer.....	50	19	12	.....	111	29	.....	20	1	40	20	1,049 56	1,049 56	Parkersburg, Iowa.
Second Pekin.....	Vacant.....	40	16	.....	6	1	47	6	.....	.....	1	.....	5 50	469	Pekin, Tasewell Co., Illinois.
Total.....		1896	110	65	50	18	26 2666	155	75	1090	24	2379	\$2,582 37	\$21,917 25	

Other Ministers.—Rev. A. D. Wilson, Fair View, Fulton Co., Illinois. Rev. J. F. Morris, Bushnell, Illinois. Rev. C. D. Elting, Raritan, Illinois. Rev. A. Thompson, Rector Grammar School, New Brunswick, N. J. Rev. A. J. Batlin.

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CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—P.S.N.Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES	
		Census Number of Families	Rec'd		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
			On Confession	On Certificate												
Bloomingsdale	M. F. Liebenau, S.S.	56	3	...	...	...	99	5	1	...	2	100	\$31	\$221 96	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	Wm. H. Vroom.	150	35	8	...	2	196	4	14	75	2	235	341 64	2,021 50	High Falls, "	
Dashville Falls	Wm. N. Todd.	100	9	3	...	1	155	8	7	...	1	165	33 56	760 20	Rifton Glen, "	
Guilford	Calvin E. Lasher.	100	5	1	...	...	92	4	...	85	4	173	181 25	1,421	Gardiner, "
Hurley	J. Ferguson Harris	62	1	4	...	...	116	3	1	50	1	90	162 50	673 82	Hurley, "
Second Kingston.	James Demarest, Jr.	150	11	9	...	...	346	6	3	...	1	302	552 67	5,923 93	Kingston, "
Krumville.	Paul T. Devo*.	45	16	1	1	1	50	8	6	40	1	60	...	87	"	
Marbletown.	Victor M. Hulbert	170	14	1	8	1	6	279	6	4	2	170	151 88	1,438 50	Kripplebush, "	
New Paltz.	Philip Peltz, (s. c.)	250	33	8	10	1	9	409	19	11	185	6	297	700 35	8,714 75	Stone Ridge, "
North Marbletown.	Vacant	60	6	1	...	...	117	8	1	50	1	70	63	529 10	New Paltz, "
Rochester.	Vacant	100	4	...	...	...	125	8	1	75	5	876	139	1,239 76	Marbletown, "
Rosendale	M. F. Liebenau	60	...	1	...	...	1	97	3	...	1	80	39 27	1,114 20	Accord, "
St. Remy.	Wm. N. Todd.	28	27	1	...	1	66	7	14	15	1	40	...	357 58	Rosendale, "	
Total		1331	164	36	35	4	21	2147	79	63	575	28	2158	\$2,426 12	\$24,803 72	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James R. Lente, (Emeritus), Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y. Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, Kingston, N. Y.

* Pastor Elect.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES
		Census	Number of Families	On Certificate				Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
				On Confession	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion								
Jamaica	J. G. Van Slyke.	130	11	8	3	5	282	4	...	1	125	\$499 90	\$2,797 92	Jamaica, L. I.	
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	100	2	1	418	8	191	12	...	2	250	670 95	2,617 19	Newtown, "	
Oyster Bay	Minor Swick.	100	6	...	8	2	110	4	4	1	100	208 52	1,811 32	East Norwich, "	
North Hempstead	Wm. E. Davis	87	10	...	...	...	117	6	6	80	1	80	1,893 68	Manhasset, "
Williamsburg	E. S. Porter	*83	11	3	5	8	498	12	4	...	3	1000	102 19	Brooklyn, E. D., "	
Astoria	M. L. Haines	77	18	24	...	1	167	3	2	...	1	199	8,245 59	Astoria, "	
Flushing	O. E. Cobb.	103	14	3	5	6	372	10	6	75	1	130	736 24	Flushing, "	
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis.	216	21	24	5	6	372	10	6	...	1	566	8,600	148 Noble st., Brooklyn, E. D., "	
South Bushwick	Geo. D. Hulst	100	9	4	7	112	11	2	...	...	1	350	180	15 Hinrod st., L. I., "
Second Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer.	85	14	...	...	2	161	53	...	12	1	120	6	Astoria, L. I., "
East Williamsburg	Wm. Ferris	80	1	...	...	...	28	2	2	20	1	100	116 43	South 5th, Brooklyn, E. D., "
Second Newtown	John Wenisch	20	17	...	...	...	59	9	3	12	1	80	9	Newtown, L. I., "
Queens	Andrew Hagaman	78	6	8	12	2	107	8	2	...	1	177	138 25	Queens, "	
Ger. Ev., Brooklyn	J. M. Wagner	250	23	8	...	6	445	154	...	252	2	550	152 50	315 Graham av., Brooklyn, E. D., "	
Sayville	G. Van Emmerick	58	1	2	...	2	72	8	...	...	2	40	20 45	Sayville, L. I., "
Locust Valley	H. P. Craig	50	6	2	1	...	40	2	6	50	1	100	35 25	Locust Valley, "	
College Point	E. S. Fiechldt	35	11	3	...	...	53	18	2	8	1	200	800	Locust Point, "
St. John's Laurel Hill	G. R. Garretson	30	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	50	1	80	48 97	College Point, "
First Ref. L. I. City	G. R. Garretson.	25	5	3	...	...	19	...	...	70	1	180	...	147 Remsen st., Brooklyn, E. D., "
Total	Total	1904	187	78	62	5	40	3123	318	36	630	24	4377	\$5,299 65	\$57,173 82

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. P. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. J. B. Alliger, N. Y. City.
 Wm. H. Ten Eyck, (s o) Astoria, L. I.

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† To form Church at Long Island City.

+ Pastor Elect.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

JUNE, 1876.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Census Number of Families		On Confessionals	On Certificate	Transmitted	Suspended		Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens		Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Brooklyn	Henry R. Dickson	*131	20	10	20	8	432	15	1	1	2	535	\$7,900	\$10,990	70 Brooklyn,
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	140	7	1	4	8	*206	7	2	200	1	325	6,710	8,000	Flatbush,
Flatbush Mission	Charles Wright, S. S.	62	2			30	30	3				1			Flatbush,
New Utrecht	David S. Smith, (s. c.)	95	1	2	4	5	20	10		100	3	330	1,010	6,000	New Utrecht,
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	125	12		7	4	188	10	2	75	2	190	448	56	Gravesend,
Flatlands	Anson DuBois	80	4	2	1	1	163	19	1	80	2	200	700	2,800	Flatlands,
New Lots	C. W. Wood	98	15	2	3	3	145	9	1	90		90	212	58	New Lots,
East New York	William J. Hill	63	23	4	6	1	120	1	5	190	1	397	224	80	East New York,
South Brooklyn	Henry V. S. Myers	56	13				56	15	1		1	425	992	11	Brooklyn,
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	270	39	20	10	11	552	21	11	150	1	650	924	37	Brooklyn,
Twelfth Street	U. D. Gulick	160	56	38	23	2	*346	20	9	89	1	264			Brooklyn,
North Reformed	A. R. Thompson	109	17	13	4	3	392	22	4	115	2	543	10,528	55	Brooklyn,
Church on the Heights	David Inglis	127	18	4	14	3	180	78	9	80	1	150	50		Brooklyn,
New Brooklyn	Charles F. C. Suckow	90	14			3	180	11	9		1	290			Brooklyn,
East Brooklyn	J. H. Carroll	137	13	16	5	3	485	11	9		1	57			Rockville Centre,
Rockville Centre	Vacant	20		8			22	7					20	60	Flatbush,
Second Flatbush	Henry A. Friedel	35	9				80			8					
Total		1798	263	113	109	60	3000	255	55	1177	21	4516	\$30,022	\$81,109	34

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. M. Forris, Secretary Board of Foreign Missions. Rev. Jacob West, Secretary Board of Domestic Missions. Rev. John A. Lansing. Rev. Julius Hones, 299 Stockton Street, Brooklyn. Rev. Daniel Rapalje, Missionary to China. Rev. Alexander Shaw, Bethany Chapel. Rev. J. M. Van Buren, Nyack, N. Y. Rev. J. H. Manning, Brooklyn. Rev. R. G. Strong, Flatbush. Rev. N. P. Pierce, Brooklyn.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census	Number of Families				Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended										Died
Battle Creek	E. Van Der Hart *	110	10	8	5	2	165	8	2	2	2	220	\$276 58	\$1,224 90	Battle Creek, Mich.
Centreville	Adam H. Van Vranken..	75	31	4	7	3	136	17	1	1	1	220	145	1,168 18	Centreville, St. Joseph Co., Mich.
Constantine	John W. Beardslee	56	15	11	4	1	90	13	40	1	1	125	130 27	1,508 88	Constantine, "
Grand Rapids	Peter Moordyk	51	2	5	8	1	74	9	2	80	2	190	93 69	485 69	Grand Rapids, "
Hape	Abel T. Stewart	40	5	1	1	1	52	3	3	1	1	80	21 50	520	Holland, Ottawa Co., "
Macon	John A. De Spelder	35	6	3	1	53	1	2	2	2	2	365	68 85	1,049 01	Macon, Lenawee Co., "
Porter	N. Dubois Williamson..	32	3	2	27	3	27	8	1	1	1	60	35 60	215 40	South Bend, Indiana
South Bend	John A. De Spelder	399	69	27	21	8	597	29	26	70	10	1240	\$770 99	\$6,172 01	Macon, Lenawee Co., Mich.
South Macon															
	Total														

Other Ministers.—Rev. Charles Scott, Professor in Hope College, Holland, Mich. Rev. J. G. Tarbell, Emeritus, Alamo, Mich.

* Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
First Freehold	Theodore W. Wells.	100	30	4	8	2	207	6	17	90	8	150	\$215 96	\$1,849 65	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N. J.
Second Freehold	Charles S. Hageman.	105	25	5	7	226	4	12	23	120	1	168	517 40	1,681 75	Freehold,
Holmdel	William Reiley	90	46	1	4	1	2	190	9	23	8	100	893 98	1,470	Holmdel,
Spotswood	Ralph Willis	40	14	6	2	90	6	5	30	1	90	700	.....	700	Spotswood,
Middletown	L. H. Van Doren	42	5	3	2	70	8	5	3	25	1	68	125 20	920	Middletown,
Keyport	Elias Mead	60	8	2	.....	80	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	169 45	1,148 88	Keyport,
Long Branch	James B. Wilson	70	52	6	1	4	206	5	21	40	8	200	143 82	2,298 36	Long Branch,
Colt's Neck	James Bolton, (s. c.)	73	7	2	1	234	4	4	45	2	120	151 49	1,169 36	Colt's Neck,	
Highlands	A. W. Allen	22	4	.....	1	17	.....	4	.....	.....	1	54	77 29	Highlands,	
Asbury Park	F. F. Wilson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Asbury Park,
Total	Total	602	191	29	24	8	8,131 4	84	94	350	18	1002	\$1,708 80	\$11,315 29	

Other Ministers.—Rev. G. C. Schenck, Marlboro, N. J. Rev. A. C. Millspaugh, Marlboro, N. J. Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Freehold, N. J. Rev. A. Van De Water, Farmingdale, N. J.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Census	Number of Families	On Certificate				Infants	Adults	Total now in Communion	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes		(Congregational Purposes)	
				On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended										Died
Aurlesville	Vacant	46	1	2	2	1	1	25	8	1	1	120	\$40	\$514	Aurlesville,	N. Y.	
Canajoharie	Richard B. Williams	180	7	1	3	1	1	171	2	6	10	200	280	2,500	Canajoharie,	"	
Columbia	Vacant	106	80	...	...	...	...	80	6	1	...	...	...	...	Columbia,	"
Currytown	Edward G. Ackerman	83	2	4	1	1	1	54	6	1	27	44	107 06	607	Rural Grove,	"	
Ephratah	W. B. Van Benschoten	80	85	2	3	1	1	139	23	82	45	105	25	511 69	Ephratah, Fulton Co.,	"	
Florida	Richard A. Pearse	100	5	3	8	2	2	124	4	2	...	120	147	1,089 01	Minerva,	"	
Fonda	Thomas Walker Jones	215	51	5	6	1	1	376	9	37	...	425	783 85	8,609 66	Fonda,	"	
Fort Plain	Vacant	145	45	10	2	2	2	170	4	27	...	170	457 89	8,384 77	Fort Plain,	"	
Fort Herkimer	Vacant	104	15	4	6	1	1	130	8	11	...	140	319	1,840 44	Fultonville,	"	
Fultonville	Francis M. Kip, Jr.	115	82	3	5	...	...	156	3	50	...	230	186	1,946 75	Glen,	"
Glen	Joseph P. Dysart	70	1	2	2	1	1	99	4	1	25	100	92 92	1,083 22	Hagaman's Mills,	"	
Hagaman's Mills	A. J. Hageman, (s. o.)	23	...	...	...	...	...	84	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hagaman's Mills,	"
Henderson +	Vacant	175	11	1	...	...	...	146	7	1	...	135	120	1,650	Herkimer, Herkimer Co.,	"
Herkimer	G. D. Consul	13	5	1	1	1	1	15	8	2	...	27	28 50	108	Ingham's Mills,	"	
Indian Castle	Rufus M. Stanbrough	30	2	1	6	...	...	81	2	...	...	135	51 20	540	Ingham's Mills,	"
Manheim	Rufus M. Stanbrough	87	31	1	...	...	...	89	16	16	...	1	151 18	626 89	Canajoharie,	"
Mapletown	George Sharpley	65	6	3	...	...	...	60	1	3	...	1	151 18	1,500	Mohawk, Herkimer Co.,	"
Mohawk	Francis M. Bogardus	100	20	11	4	3	3	163	5	10	...	1	117 18	1,882 23	Port Jackson,	"	
Port Jackson	John Minor	110	20	6	6	2	2	100	24	2	...	2	154 24	1,478 83	Port Jackson,	"	
Port Johnsville	George J. Van Neste	65	16	2	2	2	2	74	7	2	46	71	52 25	700 50	Stone Arabia,	"	
Stone Arabia	W. B. Van Benschoten	50	21	1	3	...	...	42	1	18	45	75	...	295	Stone Arabia,	"
Spraker's Basin	Edward G. Ackerman	1562	432	55	56	2	25	2328	107	224	214	22	\$3,113 83	\$25,766 99	Spraker's Basin.	"	
	Total																

Other Ministers.—Abraham Mattice, Alexander B. Riggs, Fort Plain, Montgomery Co., N. Y. Joseph Knieskern, Cortland, Cortland Co., N. Y.

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CLASSIS OF NEWARK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Number of Families	Rec'd		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
			On Confession	On Certificate												
Belleville.....	J. Paschal Strong.....	125	5	4	...	1	193	3	3	200	1	700	\$300	\$2,800	Belleville, N. J.	
First Newark.....	Edward P. Terhune.....	315	6	7	20	8	419	7	2	200	2	350	1,902	10,983	Newark, "	
Irvington.....	Henry Vchslage (s. c.).....	130	16	7	10	180	3	110	3	110	1	140	...	...	Irvington, "
Second Newark.....	Francis V. Van Vranken.....	92	17	9	6	3*164	8	5	110	1	174	1	367	2,866	Newark, "	
Franklin.....	A. Messier Qui k.....	*70	4	2	...	1	121	6	1	140	1	140	115	1,250	Franklin, "	
North Newark.....	Charles E. Hart.....	227	23	16	15	5	452	15	4	623	2	623	4,922	4,963	Newark, "	
West Newark.....	Frederic Kern.....	42	21	4	...	97	7	26	1	26	1	116	...	...	Newark, "
Clinton Avenue.....	William J. R. Taylor.....	165	10	12	21	1	301	13	2	210	1	425	1,112	15,394	Newark, "	
East.....	Cornelius R. Blauvelt.....	45	2	1	...	63	5	...	...	...	...	1	200	1,063	Newark, "
Linden.....	Howard H. Van Vranken.....	*52	3	3	4	1	*51	3	2	45	1	125	...	3,168	Linden, "	
Woodside.....	John M. Macaulay.....	75	4	...	...	121	2	2	2	...	1	125	175	1,350	Woodside, "
Stone House Plains.....	John Kershaw.....	79	5	...	1	8	129	11	4	...	1	69	86	700	Brookdale, "	
First Orange.....	George S. Bishop.....	100	43	27	3	2	199	3	13	120	1	150	217	19,765	Orange, "	
	Total.....	1517	154	92	83	1	25	2490	86	47	1584	15	2-37	\$9,196	\$65,504	94

Other Ministers.—Gustavus Abeel, Newark, N. J. M. B. Eiddle, (Prof. in Theo. Seminary), Hartford, Conn. Barnabas V. Collins, Passaic, N. J. Joseph Wilson, Newark, N. J. Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J. Louis H. Bahler, Belleville, N. J.

* Revised List.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
		Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
First New Brunswick	Richard H. Steele, (s. o.) ..	225	18	12	12	...	13	508	11	6	159	1	375	\$2,827	\$5,470	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Seares	136	89	5	4	...	6	303	5	22	35	6	320	680	1,500	Franklin Park, "
Hillsborough	Edward T. Corwin	150	10	4	4	...	5	275	6	...	20	7	200	600	1,000	Millstone, "
Middlebush	James Le Fevre	108	10	8	9	...	2	200	12	5	120	1	135	2,450	1,698	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Robert G. Williams	50	76	5	11	...	3	165	4	20	25	2	100	251	1,370	Griggstown, "
Second New Brunswick ..	Chester D. Hartman ..	214	15	1	11	...	4	389	4	3	130	2	250	1,632	5,657	New Brunswick, "
Round Brook	Jacob C. Dutcher	87	16	8	8	...	3	173	5	8	100	1	190	126	2,200	Round Brook, "
Third New Brunswick	Charles Meyer, S. S.	18	3	7	9	...	1	45	4	2	20	1	30	70	600	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone	Alexander McWilliam ..	80	8	4	4	...	1	170	4	2	23	2	100	264	1,272	East Millstone, "
Metuchen	Edward Lord	72	8	4	4	...	1	159	3	...	...	2	156	369	1,856	Metuchen, "
	Total	1140	243	71	72	...	39	2387	58	66	623	24	1856	\$9,270	\$22,634	42

Other Ministers.—William H. Campbell, President of Rutgers College. Jacob Cooper, and T. Sanford Doolittle, Professors in Rutgers College. Peter J. Quick, New Brunswick, N. J. William H. Steele, Newark, N. J. H. W. Brandt, South Africa. John L. See, 34 Vesey street. John A. Van Doren, East Millstone, N. J.

Candidates.—Henry R. Lott. T. De Witt Bailey, Professor in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.

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		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes
Collegiate, New York.	Thomas E. Vermilve															15 West 6th st., N. Y.
	Talbot W. Chambers (s.c.)															70 West 36 st., "
	James M. Lullow	737	119	49	44			24	1863	46	10	650	7	2215	\$32,676	17 West 48th st., "
Harlem	G. Henry Mandeville	150	20	17	14			8	251	15	4		1		1,182	327 East 124th st., "
South New York	Ebenezer P. Rogers	200	59	18	8			5	561	15	11		3	600	7,000	42 West 27th st., "
Staten Island	James Brownlee	145	8	1	4			2	320	10	1	250	2	400	1,050	Port Richmond, S. I.
Bloomfield	Enoch Van Aken							2	70	6		80	1	80		316 West 52d st., N. Y.
Madison Avenue	Vacant															
Thirty Fourth street.	Vacant	111	20	8	30			8	349	10	5	170	1	270	920	4,908
German Ev. Mission	Julius W. Geyer	220	66	1	8			8	620	49	2	45	1	500	1,900	54
Richmond, S. I.	Francis M. Kip												2	91	33	52
Huguenots	Francis M. Kip												1	70	122	31
Mott Haven	Harbottle Du Bois	110	20	17	5			3	220	15	5	250	1	430	575	
Union, High Bridge	Harbottle Du Bois, S. S.	35	5	1					34	2	1	25	1	93	139	73
Fourth German	John V. Oort	58	25					1	212	24		26	1	225	211	45
Prospect Hill	D. Mc L. Quackenbush	59	4	8	9			3	143	11		208	1	348	858	
Holland	A. H. Bechtold	100	2	1				1	43	9					20	
Av B German Ev.	Vacant	33	5	2	4			1	145				1	174	235	
Brookfield, Conn.	Vacant	70								21					700	
Bushwick	Vacant								*2.0				1	*220		
Mattoax and Amelia Ct H.	J. J. Huizinga, Miss.	19	4	1	7			1	29	5		30	1	85	89	23
Prichon Heights	William T. Enyard	130	11	8	7			1	306	16	1	185	1	270	326	51
Union Ref. 6th av.	William B. Merritt									19	11	65	1	250	340	10
German Ref., Norfolk st.	G. L. Neef	290	21	1	4			11	400	70		50	1	550	314	36
Total		2467	425	140	158	3	75	6254	832	72	2254	29	7201	\$49,179	47	\$43,307

Other Ministers.—M. H. Hutton, N. Y. A. R. Van Nest, 81 Fifth Av., N. Y.
 N. Y. Aaron Lloyd, N. Y. E. Wiggins, N. Y. L. G. Bingham, Middlebush, N. J.
 Missionary Pastors.—J. Henry Bertholf, Wm. H. De Hart, Knox Mem. Chap., 512 Ninth Av. Vernon B. Carroll, 30 West 60th st. John Forsyth, Chaplain,
 West Point. L. W. Kip, China. Chas. H. H. Wolff, Japan.
 * Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
		Census	Number of Families	On Certificate		Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion	Infants		Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes		
				On Confession	Rec'd				Adults	Children								
Berea	Lawrence L. Comfort	59	8	4	2	5	97	10	1	30	1	125	\$99 28	\$1,129	Walden, Orange Co., N. Y.			
Bloomington	Augustus F. Todd	75	10	1	1	1	120	7	4	30		46 57			Bloomington, Sullivan Co., "			
Calliocon*	Vacant	100					228			10		100			Calliocon, Sullivan "			
Claryville	Vacant						18								Claryville, Sullivan "			
Cuddebackville	John DuBois	56	10	3	1	1	63	3	5	100	1	100	50 25	715 50	Cuddebackville, Orange "			
Deerpark	Samuel J. Rogers	167	48	5	3	1	272	15	32	150	2	375	180 84	3,176 07	Deerpark, Orange "			
Ellenville	Edward W. Bentley	70	5	2	2	3	247	4	1	1	1	280	386 13	1,750	Ellenville, Ulster "			
Fallsburgh	Walter S. Brown	75	16	8	5	2	97	6	6	15	1	45	208 48	800	Fallsburgh, Ulster "			
Fremont*	Vacant	50					130								Fremont, Sullivan "			
Grahamville	Vacant	40	11		2	5	75								Grahamville, Sullivan "			
Hortonville†	Vacant	52					124			11					Hortonville, Sullivan "			
Jeffersonville*	Peter B. Crolius	80	6	2	4	2	98	22	2	11	1	120	20	815	Jeffersonville, Sullivan "			
Kerhonkson	Vacant	40	18	1		2	74	3	10	30	1	50			Kerhonkson, Ulster "			
Mamackating	A. F. Todd, S. S.	48	2			1	46								Mamackating, Ulster "			
Minnsink	Vacant	155	66	2	2	5	409	17	11	150	1	234	1,431 92	500	Minnsink, Ulster "			
Montgomery	Cornelius Brett	230	75	8	29	5	504	83	32	50	2	350	1,102 69	2,338 95	Montgomery, Sussex "			
Newburgh	William H. Gleason	100	4	3	2	2	154	6			1	200	147	1,000	Newburgh, Orange "			
New Hurley	Robert H. Beattie	80	4	5	2	2	127	2					41 24		New Hurley, Ulster "			
New Prospect	John T. Demarest	44					81								Pine Bush, Ulster "			
North Branch	Vacant	100	16	2	2	4	263	6	5	60		80	152 86	1,182 32	North Branch, Sullivan "			
Shawangunk	Cyril Spaulding	80	20	5	1	2	195	8	2	75	1	125	450	1,800	Brynswick, Ulster "			
Walden	Martin V. Schoonmaker	60	20	6	1	1	102	12	7	15	1	80	96 78	1,261 04	Walden, Orange "			
Walkill Valley	Benjamin C. Lippincott	68	4	8	1		145	1		30	3	135	45	458	Shawangunk, Ulster "			
Walpack (Upper)*	Gilbert S. Garretson	90	1	1	1	4	174	3			2	120	140 45	1,600	Dingman's Bridge, Pike Co., Pa.			
Walpack (Lower)	John F. Shaw	104	14	1	5	3	152	2	9		3	160			Bushkill, Monroe "			
Warsaw	Goodloe B. Bell	2053	358	50	70	8	3995	160	129	767	26	2990	\$5,565 74	\$24,870 02	Napanoch, Ulster Co., N. Y.			
Total	Total																	

Other Ministers.—S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, Orange Co., N. Y. Jno. A. Staats, Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y. Henry Morris, Emertus, Binghamton, N. Y. Robert Pitts, Stroudsburg, Monroe Co., Pa. Rev. William E. Turner, Lake Mahopac, Putnam Co., N. Y.

* Last year's report. † No report. ‡ Exclusive of interest on vested funds, as last year reported.

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		Census	Number of Families	On Certificate		Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
				On Confession	On Certificate											
Aequakamonek	John Gaston	175	17	12	7	1	13	*297	15	8	180	1	275	\$1506 69	\$4,055 76	Passaic, N. J.
Broadway, Paterson	William H. Clark, (s. c.)	100	11	9	8	2	2	162	5	3	174	1	210	580 11	3,940 81	Paterson, "
Clarkstown	Ferdinand S. Schenck	100	6	6	2	6	6	168	4	1	100	1	100	637 18	2,225 10	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
First Holland, Paterson	James Huyssoon	85	13	14	9	1	1	150	20	...	36	1	76	50 40	777 25	Paterson, N. J.
Holland, Hokokus	Vacant	41	5	5	1	4	2	70	9	...	35	1	35	12 03	178 40	Hokokus, "
Holland, Lodi	William F. Betz	37	2	6	1	2	5	54	8	1	25	1	25	...	176 61	Lodi, "
Holland, Passaic	Francis Rederus	100	17	14	5	7	103	...	...	...	50	1	80	25	1 50	Passaic, "
North Passaic	Charles D. Kellogg	91	24	8	14	1	171	10	1	...	...	1	220	549 10	3,388 04	Passaic, "
Nyack	Henry V. Voorhees	180	5	6	10	1	296	4	1	100	1	2-5	1,049 48	4,821 28	Nyack, N. Y.	
Paramus	Goyt Talmage	140	16	4	6	2	170	6	3	120	1	165	470 83	8,037 02	Ridgewood, N. J.	
Pascack	Edward Lodewick	80	20	8	8	2	103	4	5	...	...	1	90	59 57	2,344 29	Park Ridge, "
Piermont	William C. Stitt	70	32	3	2	1	112	8	5	...	...	1	115	445	2,227	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo	Vacant	38	2	17	...	...	...	38	1	...	...	1	40	...	...	Mahwah, N. J.
Ramsays	Vacant	26	15	2	...	...	...	31	2	25	...	1	60	...	232 51	Ramsays, "
Ridgewood	John A. Van Neste	60	13	7	...	...	...	34	10	23	...	1	70	...	475	Ridgewood, "
Saddle River	William E. Bogardus	60	13	1	2	...	...	94	3	2	...	1	88	41	970	Saddle River, "
Second Totowa	John H. Duryea	170	13	1	9	11	*245	12	1	60	1	220	635 55	2,500	Paterson, "	
Spring Valley	Vacant	57	7	2	8	2	78	4	2	20	1	150	25 50	1,706 66	Spring Valley, N. Y.	
Tappan	George M. S. Blauvelt	130	13	1	7	...	...	150	12	7	100	3	200	227	1,700	Tappan, "
Warwick	Ferdinand H. Van Derveer	85	6	...	...	2	121	9	2	...	...	1	81	165 50	...	Warwick, "
West New Hempstead	Benjamin T. Statesir	88	4	...	1	...	72	...	...	...	...	1	73	136 35	762 96	Monsey, "
Total		1821	258	104	111	8	59	2719	173	47	1048	23	2058	\$6,670 29	\$36,965 69	

Other Ministers.—Isaac D. Cole, Spring Valley, N. Y. Richard De Witt, Kingston, N. Y. George A. Magie, Lake View, Passaic Co., N. J.

Candidates. W. G. Haeselbarth, Nyack, N. Y.

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CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—P.S.N.B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession		Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
				In Certificate	In Confession											
Boardville	James E. Bernart, Miss.	10		11	1	1				2	5	1	15	\$47	.....	Wanaque, Passaic Co., N. J.
Boonton	Vacant	40		22	4	4	2	160	8	11		1	165	110	\$950	Boonton, Morris Co. "
Fairfield	Albert N. Sebring	59		12	6	5	1	88	9		50	1	100	79 07	.....	Fairfield, Essex Co. "
Little Falls	Vacant	105		36	29	17	2	155	86	4	60	1	100	78 48	1,172 20	Little Falls, Passaic Co. "
Montville	Isaac H. Collier	347		45	3	2	6	540	86	18	100	4	396	17	1,492 27	Boonton, Morris Co. "
Sixth Paterson, Holland ..	William A. Howbolt.	126		1	1	6	2	265	4	4	100	4	250	190	2,687	Paterson, Passaic Co. "
Pompton Plains	J. Henry Whitehead	60		3	128	4	25	100	2	25	25	2	100	268 42	.....	Pompton Plains, Morris Co N. J.
Pompton	John N. Jansen, (s c.)	65		3	70	8	26	80	3		26	2	175	76	.....	Pompton, Passaic Co. "
Ponds	Vacant	80		20	3	18	1	187	9	2	80	1	160	336 10	.....	Oakland, Bergen Co. "
Ureknass	Albert A. Zabriskie	100		5	4	3	5	115	5	1	30	1	75	172 42	860	Paterson, Passaic Co. "
First Totowa, Paterson....	John Steele														2,814 03	Paterson, Passaic Co. "
Wyckoff	Samuel T. Searle														1,350 65	Wyckoff, Bergen Co. "
Total		992	156	51	58	2	29	1778	126	41	386	16	1616	\$1,394 49	\$12,261 25	

Other Ministers.—Abraham G. Ryerson, Paterson, N. J., Teacher. John C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, N. J., Supt. of Schools. James Demarest, 186 Belleville Ave., Newark, N. J. Rev. Isaac S. Demund, Midland Park, N. J., Emerit s.

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CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
			On Confession	On Certificate	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Harlingen.....	J. Gardiner.....	140	5	9	7	—	—	8	262	9	3	—	5	260	\$350	\$1,800	Harlingen, N. J.
Neshanic.....	G. Ludlow and J. Hart*.....	195	8	11	5	—	—	8	234	5	4	—	5	227	336	1,750	Neshanic, " "
First Philadelphia.....	T. O. as X. Orr.....	125	8	15	8	—	—	8	275	5	2	—	1	325	1,202	6,853	60 7th & Spring Gard'n st., Phil. Pa
Second Philadelphia.....	Chas. P. Masten.....	225	107	12	17	—	—	4	470	9	45	—	1	635	1,590	7,442	02 938 North 5th st., Phil., Pa.
Third Philadelphia.....	Vacant.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fourth Philadelphia.....	W. W. Cook +.....	60	17	3	2	—	—	2	150	—	—	—	1	200	150	1,200	Roxborough, Phil. Pa.
Fifth Philadelphia.....	A. Stoll.....	112	24	17	—	—	—	3	180	42	—	—	1	140	31	1,599	820 Otis st., " "
North and South Hampton.....	H. M. Voorhees.....	125	21	6	2	1	—	3	295	3	9	—	1	485	486	1,897	03 Churchville, " "
Blawenburg.....	W. B. Voorhees.....	120	36	3	6	1	—	2	254	8	11	—	1	150	600	1,325	Blawenburg, N. J.
Stanton.....	Vacant.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Stanton, " "
Rocky Hill.....	Herman C. Berg (s. o.).....	70	65	7	6	—	—	2	156	8	30	—	1	96	141	1,218	97 Rocky Hill, " "
Clover Hill.....	M. N. Oliver.....	75	56	4	5	—	—	1	131	5	11	—	1	75	121	1,650	Clover Hill, " "
Addisville.....	Isaac Collier.....	95	4	6	4	—	—	9	207	2	3	—	1	15	338	29	Richboro, Pa.
Three Bridges.....	Peter D. Oakley, S. S.....	32	3	16	1	—	—	—	68	—	—	—	1	85	40	—	Three Bridges, N. J.
Total.....	Total.....	1377	315	109	63	2	40	2652	96	118	—	—	20	2878	\$5,386	\$27,911	62

Other Ministers.—Rev. G. E. Gramm, 1656 Vienna st., Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, Amoy, China. Rev. C. H. McDermund, St. Louis, Missouri.

* Associate Pastor.

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+ Pastor Elect.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
		Census Number of Families	On Confession				Died		Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools		Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Con- gregational Purposes
			Rec'd	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended											
First Poughkeepsie	A. P. Van Gieson, (s. c.)	190	15	17	9	6	462	7	7	7	250	1	1	250	\$2,027 66	\$4,244 18	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie	J. Elmendorf	137	8	3	4	3	286	5	2	100	1	1	1	130	2,439 59	12,374 47	"
Fishkill	A. Anderson	95	16	3	1	5	174	1	10	1	121	1	1	121	491 41	2,123 88	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	G. Taylor	121	31	2	11	7	279	3	18	50	5	5	5	175	375 93	1,439 74	Hopewell Junction, "
New Hackensack	H. Ward	115	2	1	2	1	149	1	1	40	1	1	1	22	278 09	1,213	New Hackensack, "
Rhinebeck	A. P. Pecke	135	14	1	4	3	296	7	3	100	1	1	1	101	409 88	.....	Rhinebeck, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson	C. W. Fritts	120	14	1	4	3	225	4	3	25	1	1	1	175	621 17	3,010 90	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Hyde Park	H. Dater	75	7	5	4	2	154	3	2	25	1	1	1	70	65 71	1,200	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	I. C. Vandeventer	69	2	4	1	2	66	1	4	1	4	1	1	231	173 76	1,664 80	Glenham, "
Cold Spring	Vacant	30	4	2	1	1	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	65	.....	675	Cold Spring, "
Millbrook	H. N. Cobb	74	5	9	1	1	112	4	6	1	140	3	3	140	460 46	2,000	Millbrook, "
Total	Total	1161	118	83	47	3	35	2254	36	57	815	22	22	1682	\$7,398 16	\$29,964 97	

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill. Rev. Wm. A. Cornell, Poughkeepsie. Rev. H. Heernance, Rhinebeck. Rev. A. N. Wyckoff, (in charge of Mission Chapel of First Church Brooklyn), 263 Dan st., Brooklyn. Rev. C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		On Confession		On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
First Raritan.	Abram Messler	204	10	2	2	5	589	11	11	1	4	180	\$750 35	\$3,066	Somerville, N. J.
Readington.	John H. Smock	215	13	3	10	6	361	10	5	1	5	175	520	2,193	Readington, "
Bedminster.	John L. McNair	109	2	4	5	3	231	4	8	1	3	200	255 67	1,850	Bedminster, "
Lebanon.	Vacant	156	28	3	8	2	831	17	8	1	60	203	188 50	1,692	Lebanon, "
Rockaway	Wm. Bailly	110	25	13	2	2	260	6	2	3	85	150	306 64	1,677 96	White House, "
North Branch.	P. M. Doolittle	151	10	6	5	2	169	6	3	1	50	1	507 49	2,916	North Branch, "
Second Raritan.	J. F. Mesick (S. C.)	200	38	37	18	2	523	10	22	1	1	113	48 02	1,932 40	Somerville, "
Peapack	Charles T. Anderson	123	1	10	9	2	179	6	7	1	3	200	340 66	1,145	P. apack, "
Branchville	William Pitcher	109	4	13	15	2	*216	7	1	1	136	1	513 95	1,140 99	South Branch, "
Third Raritan.	Chas. H. Pool	120	16	7	10	1	*252	13	4	1	78	1	724 76	3,2 2 11	Raritan, "
Easton	C. H. Edgar	72	8	7	8	3	138	7	1	1	1	40	341	341	Easton, Penn. N. J.
Plainfield.	Vacant	19	3	3	1	1	31	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	Plainfield, N. J.
Central Plainfield.	Vacant	9	1	1	1	1	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Plainfield, N. J.
Pottersville.	John A. Davis	82	38	1	1	136	9	16	1	1	1	135	85	1,592	Pottersville, "
High Bridge	Artamus Dean	65	8	8	2	2	90	9	2	70	1	80	61 83	1,650 51	High Bridge, "
Clinton Station.	Robert Van Amburg, S. S.	40	18	6	6	76	1	1	1	1	1	108	68	452 71	Annandale, "
Wilcox	Wm. H. Hoffman	40	82	3	2	56	7	17	1	1	1	85	68	452 71	Wilcox, Elk Co., Penn.
Total	Total	1827	254	129	99	1	34659	124	82	479	83	2281	\$4,370 82	\$24,791 68	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John Van Derveer, Easton, Pa.

P. D. Oakley, Neshanic, N. J.

Rev. H. F. Schnellendressler, Plainfield, N. J.

Rev. William Cornell, Somerville, N. J.

Rev. H. P. Thompson, Readington, N. J.

Rev. Horace Doolittle, Somerville, N. J.

Rev. Henry Stout,

Rev.

Nagasaki, Japan.

* Revised list.

CLASSES OF RENSSELAER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Blooming Grove	Wilson Ingalls	70	1	1	1	1	1	80	1	1	...	1	113	\$23 05	\$1,032 95	DeFreestville, N. Y.
Castleton	George A. Mills	100	12	8	8	8	8	175	8	5	60	2	150	142 01	1,525 59	Castleton, R. ns, Co. "
Chatham	N. H. Van Arsdale	100	8	10	2	2	2	160	8	20	...	2	150	425 92	2,235	Chatham village, " "
First Ghent	John B. Drury	65	22	2	1	1	1	113	7	8	40	1	95	155	1,200	Ghent, Columbia Co. "
Second Ghent	Jacob W. Schenck	90	5	...	...	...	2	148	10	4	35	1	95	147	1,450	Ghent, Columbia Co. "
Greenbush	William Anderson	*150	...	...	...	...	256	...	...	...	...	3	245	...	...	Stockp. rt., " "
Kinderhook	Edward A. Collier	180	4	1	7	7	7	335	2	2	85	1	155	2,227 20	3,043 62	East Greenbush, " "
Nassau	Alfred H. Brush	150	9	5	6	6	6	337	1	6	50	1	150	362 84	1,842	Kinderhook, " "
New Concord	Cor. S. Mead, S. S.	80	8	...	...	...	2	49	...	...	...	1	30	96	420	Nassau, Rens, Co. "
Schooduck	William Veenschoten	80	84	5	2	2	2	127	9	15	30	4	100	43 75	1,200	New Concord, " "
Schooduck Landing	William J. Leggett	85	65	2	5	5	5	184	24	87	88	1	128	100	1,568	Mititzskill, Rens, Co. "
Stuyvesant	Elbert Nevius, S. C.	90	7	...	...	...	1	125	...	...	...	1	90	284 75	1,011 97	Schooduck Landing, " "
Stuyvesant Falls	William C. Fowler	50	7	...	...	...	1	101	3	2	...	1	30	11	900	Stuyvesant, " "
Total		1240	193	23	27	27	27	2,193	63	96	388	20	1531	\$4,048 52	\$17,899 18	Stuyvesant Falls.

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CLASSES OF SARATOGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census Number of Families	On Confession		On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Boght.....	George I. Taylor†.....	44	...	2	4	...	4	52	2	...	...	...	54	...	...	...	Cohoes, N. Y.
Buskirk.....	Vacant.....	85	...	...	...	...	...	64	2	...	...	...	50	...	...	...	Buskirk's Bridge.
Cohoes.....	Charles N. Waldron.....	180	30	8	2	1	5	349	21	9	...	...	1	280	...	...	Cohoes, " "
Easton.....	Vacant†.....	85	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	...	...	1	20	...	...	Easton, " "
Fort Miller.....	Wm. H. Ford.....	46	...	2	1	4	1	480	...	...	...	...	1	60	...	...	Fort Miller, " "
Gansevoort.....	Supplied * †.....	32	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	1	30	...	...	Gansevoort, " "
Northumberland.....	Wm. H. Ford.....	66	18	...	4	...	4	96	8	9	...	...	1	30	...	...	Bacon Hill, " "
Rensselaer.....	George I. Taylor †.....	28	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	1	27	...	...	Cohoes, " "
Saratoga.....	David K. Van Doren.....	81	7	2	...	...	2	160	2	3	...	...	1	210	...	...	Schenyerville, " "
Schaghticoke.....	Solomon T. Cole.....	40	5	1	3	...	5	62	...	5	...	...	1	70	...	...	Mechanicsville, " "
Union Village.....	John G. Smart.....	57	6	2	3	...	8	87	1	4	...	...	1	75	...	...	Greenville, " "
West Troy.....	Alfred J. Hutton.....	125	41	5	11	2	5	256	8	15	...	...	1	216	...	...	West Troy, " "
West Troy (South).....	Selah W. Strong, (s. c.).....	165	21	13	18	...	3	256	13	5	...	...	1	268	...	...	West Troy, " "
Wynantskill.....	Supplied †.....	75	10	...	...	...	...	69	7	5	...	...	1	60	...	...	Wynantskill, " "
Total.....	Total.....	1009	133	35	46	7	30	1608	57	55	108	10	1420	\$2,213 18	\$22,731 61		

Other Ministers.—Rev. O. H. Gregory, West Troy, N. Y. Rev. H. A. Raymond, Cohoes, N. Y. Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y. Rev. John Smith, Greenbush, N. Y. Rev. J. S. Wyckoff, Wood Haven, Queens Co., N. Y. Rev. J. S. L. Tomb, Eagle Mills, N. Y.

* By Rev. A. G. Cochran, of Presbyterian church.

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‡ By Rev. C. P. Evans, of Congregational church.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession				Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
				On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died									Total now in Communion
First Schenectady	Ashbel G. Vermilye.	+	190	18	6	7	1	5	865	7	3	375	\$1,500	\$6,000	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady	Vacant.	138	46	17	9	4	2	10	200	6	19	130	139	83	Schenectady, "
First Glenville	William N. Randles	94	31	5	1	3	2	6	260	111	5	160	470	53	Glenville, "
Second Glenville	Vacant	131	12	2	2	8	1	106	111	7	2	150	52	680	Scotin, "
First Rotterdam	John C. Lowe	400	6	2	3	4	1	64	4	2	2	130	75	680	Pattersonville, "
Second Rotterdam	Vacant	230	47	6	2	8	1	64	4	14	6	330	812	2,477	Schenectady, "
Helderberg	Samuel L. Gamble	100	18	3	1	3	1	193	3	160	3	160	178	25	Guilderland Centre, "
Niskayuna	J. A. DeBaun, (s. c.)	85	8	1	1	3	1	171	3	160	2	160	875	1,000	Niskayuna, "
L shas' Kill	John A. DeBaun	90	8	1	1	3	1	140	2	65	1	150	100	900	Niskayuna, "
Amity	William W. Letson	90	14	3	1	3	1	242	7	75	1	185	176	44	Vischer's Ferry, "
Princetown	J. Kelly Rhinehardt	30	7	1	1	1	1	33	1	4	1	41	25	43	Dunnsville, "
Crauesville	John Minor, S. S.	1278	242	40	83	1	28	2346	57	89	1085	30	\$3,402	\$8	Port Jackson.
Total															

Other Ministers.—Rev. Abram J. Swits, Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. R. B. Welsh, Professor in Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. David B. Hall, Duaneburg, N. Y. Rev. Denis Wortman, Hopewell Junction, N. Y. Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Montgomery, N. Y. Rev. William H. Phraner, Schenectady, N. Y. Rev. John Nott, Amsterdam, N. Y.

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CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession		On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Schoharie	Wm. C. Handy	108	17	2	4	1	135	1	9	25	2	120	\$245	\$2,238	Schoharie,			
Middleburgh	Vacant	97	4	4	...	2	146	4	...	10	2	125	1,166	1,166	Middleburgh,			
Gallupville	J. H. Kershow	70	...	3	...	...	108	...	...	35	1	85	96	1,228	Gallupville,
Berne	Robert Doig	60	5	...	...	...	97	3	2	50	1	50	127	46	Berne,
Beaver Dam	Robert Doig	60	...	...	...	...	87	1	...	100	1	100	46	407	Berne,
Lawyerville	George A. Ries	56	7	2	...	...	92	2	2	...	1	80	56	600	Lawyerville,	
Schoharie Mountain	Vacant	40	...	...	...	1	85	3	...	...	...	...	...	225	Howe's Cave,
North Blenheim	Edward Miller	40	4	1	1	1	82	8	1	20	1	30	...	450	North Blenheim,			
Breakabin	Edward Miller	80	...	...	...	...	54	...	...	40	1	60	...	400	North Blenheim,
Sharon	Wm. H. Carr	435	3	1	2	1	473	1	2	...	1	100	75	644	Sharon Centre,			
Gilboa	E. Cornet	96	...	...	...	...	116	...	...	...	1	84	...	...	Gilboa,
Emblance	Vacant	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Central Bridge	Vacant	20	4	1	30			
Total	Total	729	40	14	2	15	940	18	16	280	13	864	\$644	\$8,004	...			

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Other Ministers.—Rev. J. S. Lott, 54 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn. Rev. J. H. Van Woert, Lawyerville, N. Y. Rev. J. M. Scribner, Middleburgh, N. Y. Rev. S. W. Roe, in transitu. Rev. T. L. Shaffer, Berne, Albany Co., N. Y. * Pastor elect. + Revised list.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	N. Y.	
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars			Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Blue Mountains	G. W. Lebach	130	23	11	2	1	1	295	25	2	36	2	163	\$41	\$1,840 42	Saugerties,	
Caatsban	Stephen Searle	75	8	3	1	1	1	155	5	1	70	1	71	262 53	1,210 34	Saugerties,	
Esopus	J. N. Voorhis, (s. c.)	100	11	5	8	1	6	286	54	2	102	2	275	40	750	Utter Park,	
Flatbush	Vacant,*	135	19	8	5	5	8	492	2	13	75	2	300	1,077 57	4,800	Glasco,	
Kingston	Vacant	276	46	4	2	4	147	12	15	75	2	1	200	268 32	1,458 91	Kingston,	
North Esopus	A. M. Arcularius	90	29	9	2	2	8	301	11	15	75	2	130	66	1,417	Port Ewen,	
Plattekill	W. G. E. See	146	9	3	6	1	8	804	10	10	160	2	250	2,011 97	18,004 98	Glasco,	
Saugerties	S. H. Cobb	175	40	14	1	1	8	132	1	25	1	1	60	709	Shokan,		
Shokan	Vacant,*	70	1	4	8	2	43	1	1	45	1	1	45	13 50	709	Shokan,	
Shandaken	Vacant	36	1	4	1	2	152	2	1	1	1	2	100	81 65	1,045 50	West Hurley,	
West Hurley	C. Blauvelt	62	6	4	4	2	113	4	1	1	1	2	150	1,70 14	1,045 50	Woodstock,	
Woodstock	W. S. Moore	65	5	8	2	1	68	2	2	2	2	1	150	1,70 14	1,045 50	Woodstock,	
Wiltwyck	J. R. Talmage	43	5	1	1	1	2553	126	49	538	16	1764	\$3,812 54	\$14,906 29	1,70 14	Kingston,	
Total	Total	1402	203	69	35	2	31	2553	126	49	538	16	1764	\$3,812 54	\$14,906 29		

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y. John C. F. Hoos, Kingston, N. Y. C. Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y. Calvin Case, Shokan, N. Y. Alexander Gulick, Woodstock, N. Y. William A. Shaw, Kingston, N. Y. A. P. Freese.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cathe- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Conferential Purposes	
Bronxville	Alfred E. Myers	42	6	...	...	2	62	1	4	1	68	75	\$388 54	\$1,986 93	Bronxville, N. Y.
Courtlandtown	Joseph A. Harper	60	7	5	...	3	67	2	1	1	68	98	16	1,150	Montrose, " "
Fordham	Vacant	48	4	...	...	1	63	1	1	1	...	84	...	1,576	Fordham, " "
Greenburg	Vacant	20	...	2	...	3	25	1	...	...	...	80	...	650	Hartsdale, " "
Greenville	Richard L. Schoonmaker	40	4	...	...	...	66	2	1	1	...	60	...	1,200	Scarsdale, " "
Hastings	Thos. R. G. Peck	76	21	3	3	...	180	...	6	...	...	180	908 69	3,340 20	Haslings-on-Hudson, " "
Mount Vernon	J. E. Lang, P. E.	45	28	2	...	...	150	6	1	26	26	220	513 72	1,004 56	Morrisania, " "
Peekskill	Mancius H. Hutton, (S. O.)	123	11	20	5	...	214	17	2	170	170	112	169 74	4,642 48	Mount Vernon, " "
Tarrytown, First	Isaac L. Kip	70	9	1	2	...	136	2	4	79	79	164	1,024 94	3,750 28	Peekskill, " "
Tarrytown, Second	John K. Allen	110	6	6	4	...	234	3	3	...	65	100	536 81	4,586 88	North Tarrytown, " "
Unionville	John A. Todd	100	22	7	21	...	305	2	11	...	18	45	84 15	9,194 16	Tarrytown, " "
West Farms	Vacant	34	...	...	...	2	54	...	7	2	42	107	174 43	775	Neperan, " "
Yonkers	John Simonsen	48	6	8	2	...	69	...	6	2	212	377	1,839 20	971	West Farms, " "
	David Cole	118	24	9	5	...	8	299	19	6	212	1	...	15,851 84	Yonkers, " "
Total		890	148	56	35	1	22	1914	63	42	680	15	\$5,149 72	\$50,958 83	

Older Ministers.—Washington Roosevelt, Pelham, N. Y. Francis Bagley, New Brighton, S. I. William W. Rand, 150 Nassau st., N. Y. George Windemuth, High Bridge, N. Y. City. William Brush, 123 Monmouth st., Newark, N. J. Laurence H. Van Dyck, New Brunswick, N. J.

Candidates.—Alexander Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y. Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y. City

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Number of Families	On Confession		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes			
			Rec'd	On Certificate														
Alto	J. H. Karsten	111	6	1	6	2	194	22	...	175	...	...	\$382 20	\$1,287 82	Alto,	Wis.
Bethlehem	Vacant	88	6	8	...	3	52	10	...	50	...	...	40	1,000	Danforth,	Ill.
Danforth	L. J. Hulst	200	25	8	21	8	282	42	2	140	1	200	544 70	3,052 46	414 W. Harrison st.	Chicago, Ill.		
Chicago	B. De Bey	200	25	8	21	8	282	42	2	140	1	200	126	146 59	...	...
Franklin	Vacant	55	2	4	1	2	36	2	...	20	...	...	194 45	789 75	Forreston,	Ill.
Forreston	F. E. Schlieder	72	8	5	1	1	64	14	...	60	...	75	...	...	Fulton,	Ill.
Fulton	Wm. Hazenberg	78	6	8	2	1	164	14	...	125	...	140	452	1,384	Gibbsville,	Wis.		
Gibbsville	J. W. Dunnewold	50	6	2	1	1	84	19	...	90	...	60	281	966	Greenleafton,	Minn.		
Greenleaf	P. Lepidrak	50	6	2	1	1	180	13	...	112	1	100	350	1,090 15	Cedar Grove,	Wis.		
Holland, Wis.	H. Boegers, (s. o.)	121	12	8	10	2	231	42	1	180	1	170	756 10	1,228 26	Roseland,	Ill.		
High Prairie	H. E. Koopman	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Holland	Neb.
1st Holland, Neb.	Vacant	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	410 25	1,239	Milwaukee,	Wis.
Milwaukee	R. Dutker	36	2	1	3	2	44	15	...	110	...	150	128 24	766 29	Oostburg,	Wis.		
Oostburg	J. Hoffman	52	4	1	3	2	70	12	...	64	1	100	53	1,828 29	Peoria,	Ill.		
Peoria	J. Muller	40	12	1	1	2	44	18	...	17	1	160	...	...	...	...
Peenzer	L. Watermuller	88	7	5	13	1	36	19	...	11	1	60	...	...	Oregon, Ogile Co.,	...
South Holland	A. Buursma	130	4	2	4	1	162	20	...	100	1	100	560	1,566	South Holland,	Cook Co.,		
Silver Creek	N. M. Steffens	12	...	...	...	...	155	24	...	120	1	112	610 20	2,714 35	Railleyville,	Ogle Co.,
Sheboygan Falls	Vacant	14	14	8	...	...	25	2	...	40	...	...	73	183	Sheboygan Falls,	Wis.
2d Holland, Neb.	Vacant .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Holland,	Neb.
Lansing, Illinois	Vacant	1267	119	49	73	12	36	2001	812	8	1456	12	1427	6 50	75	Lansing,	Ill.	
Total	Total	1267	119	49	73	12	36	2001	812	8	1456	12	1427	\$4,967 73	\$18,861 96	

Other Ministers.—K. Van der Shuur, Oostburg, Wis. Cas. Wilson, Two Rivers, Wis. H. G. Klein, Chicago, Ill.

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Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Rec'd.		Now in Communion.	BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS.	Congregational Purposes.	J. Lansing Pearce. John Scudder. William R. Gordon. William R. Duryee. William A. Wurts. James de Pree. John Whitebeck. Benjamin Van Zandt. William Moerdyk. John McC. Holmes. John S. Joralmom. Philip Peltz. William H. Ten Eyck. David S. Surphen. John W. Beardslee. James Bolton. A. J. Hazeman. Henry Vehslage. Richard H. Steele. Talbot W. Chambers. Edward W. Bendley. William H. Clark. John N. Jansen. Herman C. Berg. A. P. Van Gieson. John F. Mesick. Elbert Nevius. Selah W. Strong. J. A. De Raun. J. H. Kershaw. Jacob N. Voorhis. Manicus H. Hutton. H. Borgeis.
				On Confession.	On Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.	No. of Cat- echeumens.	No. of S. Schools.	Total No. Scholars.			
Classis of Albany.....	17	19	1494	197	31	2857	84	75	304	21	2740	\$9,299 67	\$50,805 02	Rev. J. Lansing Pearce.
Classis of Arcot.....	18	8	586	82	76	473	178	96	167	...	2460	618	188 50	John Scudder.
Classis of Bergen.....	16	17	768	118	25	1836	93	15	551	...	2460	2,639 40	13,886 48	William R. Gordon.
South Classis of Bergen.....	12	14	1087	126	71	1684	134	22	1144	14	1816	6,829 50	41,619 74	William R. Duryee.
Classis of Cayuga.....	12	8	854	28	7	1233	17	10	825	12	1543	3,265 70	15,001 25	William A. Wurts.
Classis of Grand River.....	15	8	1668	180	65	1961	390	17	1485	10	1723	4,965 08	15,696 62	James de Pree.
Classis of Geneva.....	18	17	1174	104	73	2048	93	20	498	16	1231	2,159 17	13,516 40	John Whitebeck.
Classis of Greene.....	10	9	823	85	20	1441	81	40	346	...	756	1,385 26	15,313 06	Benjamin Van Zandt.
Classis of Holland.....	17	15	1423	141	40	2400	294	...	1754	13	1859	5,754 67	16,818 26	William Moerdyk.
Classis of Hudson.....	10	13	1109	212	81	1921	82	84	376	17	1555	4,833 23	18,676 19	John McC. Holmes.
Classis of Illinois.....	22	23	1396	110	65	2066	155	75	1090	24	2379	2,582 37	21,917 25	John S. Joralmom.
Classis of Kingston.....	13	13	1331	164	36	2147	79	63	575	28	2158	2,426 12	24,803 72	Philip Peltz.
North Classis of Long Island.....	19	23	1904	187	78	3123	318	36	630	24	4377	5,299 65	57,173 82	William H. Ten Eyck.
South Classis of Long Island.....	17	26	1798	263	118	3600	255	55	1177	21	4516	30,022 82	81,169 34	David S. Surphen.
Classis of Michigan.....	9	19	899	69	27	597	29	26	70	10	1240	1,770 99	6,172 01	John W. Beardslee.
Classis of Monmouth.....	10	14	692	191	29	1314	34	94	350	18	1062	1,708 80	11,315 29	James Bolton.
Classis of Montgomery.....	22	19	1862	432	55	2328	107	224	214	22	2447	8,113 83	25,766 99	A. J. Hazeman.
Classis of Newark.....	13	19	1517	154	92	2490	86	47	1584	15	2837	9,196 79	65,504 94	Henry Vehslage.
Classis of New Brunswick.....	10	18	1440	243	71	2387	58	66	623	24	1856	9,270 37	22,684 42	Richard H. Steele.
Classis of New York.....	25	31	2167	425	140	6254	332	72	2234	29	7201	49,179 47	43,807 21	Talbot W. Chambers.
Classis of Orange.....	26	22	2053	358	50	3995	160	129	767	26	2920	5,565 74	24,870 02	Edward W. Bendley.
Classis of Paramus.....	21	20	1821	238	104	2719	173	47	1048	23	2658	6,670 29	36,968 69	William H. Clark.
Classis of Passaic.....	12	13	992	166	51	1778	126	41	386	16	1616	1,394 49	12,261 25	John N. Jansen.
Classis of Philad. Iphia.....	14	16	1371	315	109	2682	96	118	...	...	1616	5,386 82	27,911 62	Herman C. Berg.
Classis of Poughkeepsie.....	11	15	1161	118	33	2254	36	57	315	22	1682	7,389 16	29,964 97	A. P. Van Gieson.
Classis of Raritan.....	17	21	1827	254	129	3659	124	82	479	33	2281	4,048 52	24,799 13	John F. Mesick.
Classis of Rensselaer.....	13	13	1240	193	28	2193	63	96	388	20	1531	4,048 52	17,399 13	Elbert Nevius.
Classis of Saratoga.....	14	15	1069	133	35	1608	57	55	108	10	1420	2,213 61	22,731 61	Selah W. Strong.
Classis of Schoharady.....	12	15	1278	242	40	2346	57	89	1085	30	2321	8,402 48	20,562 72	J. A. De Raun.
Classis of Schoharie.....	13	12	729	40	14	940	18	16	280	13	864	644	8 004	J. H. Kershaw.
Classis of Ulster.....	18	16	1402	203	69	2553	126	49	538	16	1764	3,812 54	14,906 29	Jacob N. Voorhis.
Classis of Westchester.....	14	17	890	148	56	194	63	42	680	15	1884	5,149 72	19,958 83	Manicus H. Hutton.
Classis of Wisconsin.....	21	18	1267	119	49	2001	312	8	1456	12	1427	4,967 73	18,861 96	H. Borgeis.
Total.....	506	546	64,238	5993	1973	74,600	4239	1954	23,027	574	73,241	\$210,035 88	\$872,804 28	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee have examined the Minutes of the General and Particular Synods, and note the following items:

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, we find an Overture to this Synod asking larger liberty in the use of Psalms and Hymns; and in the same Synod, we find an Overture from the Classis of Montgomery in reference to the number of ministers complying with the constitutional requirement of preaching upon the Heidelberg Catechism.

Resolved, That these Overtures be referred to the Committee on Overtures.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, there is a request that the General Synod instruct and urge upon pastors and people a proper interest in, and devotion to the work of Western Missions.

Resolved, That this request be referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

On page 10 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany we find the following resolution, from the Classis of Greene.

Resolved, That the General Synod be memorialized to rescind its injunction to the Stated Clerks of Classes, to record the reasons why ministers without charge are so; in order that this Classis may not be the only one that obeys this injunction and thus create individous distinctions among the ministers without charge."

Your Committee in connection with the above resolution would call the attention of Synod to the unfortunate misnomer in the records, which describe all ministers, who are not pastors of the catalogued churches, as "without charge." Thus we have in one sentence our foreign missionaries described as *without charge*: also professors and secretaries as having no charge, when they certainly do have charges, and some of them very heavy ones.

Your Committee recommend that hereafter these ministers be reported as "*other ministers*;" and that the Stated Clerks of

the several Classes be directed to designate as far as possible the particular line of ecclesiastical work in which they are engaged.

Whereas, none of our Theological Professors have any Classical connections, and there is nothing in the Minutes which even designate them as professors: therefore your Committee would recommend that a list of those who have been and of those who are professors in our theological Seminaries, be permanently incorporated in the Minutes of General Synod, to appear each year, after the list of the Presidents of General Synod, and before the Catalogue of Ministers and Candidates.

Your Committee observe an irrepressible tendency in some Classes to append "Honorary Titles" to ministers without charge, withholding them, however from the names of pastors who are entitled to them.

Your Committee recommend that uniformity be preserved; and that for the sake of information, the General Synod approve the action of the Stated Clerk in affixing the Honorary Titles in the Alphabetical Catalogue of last year's minutes, and that he be directed to continue to do so.

On page 10 of the Minutes of Particular Synod of Albany, this resolution:

"*Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the Board of Direction, to so modify their rules in relation to the appropriations for the *Disabled Ministers' Fund*, that whenever disability and death occur and want and suffering immediately follow, there may be some prompt relief obtained without the painful necessity of waiting for several months for the semi-annual meeting of the Committee of Appropriations."

Resolved, That this resolution be referred to the Committee on the Board Direction.

Your Committee find no record in the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, of the report of the Committee on Classical Minutes, in reference to the answers to the Constitutional Questions; while we do find the same Particular Synod's Committee on Overtures reporting "that from a cursory examination of the answers given by the ministers and elders of the Classes composing the Particular Synod of Albany, as found in their minutes, your Committee are of the opinion that not more than one-fourth of the

ministers comply with the requirement of the Constitution in reference to preaching on the Heidelberg Catechism." Your Committee think it a strange omission, that when it is asserted that three-fourths of the ministers of a Particular Synod violate a solemn covenant engagement, that no censure should be passed upon the Classes where such evident wrong exists.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synods of New Brunswick and Chicago, we find full and intelligible records of the answers to the Constitutional Questions; but from these records we find the following sad facts in reference to preaching upon the Catechism. We quote from the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick:

"To Question Two, in reference to preaching on the Heidelberg Catechism, the Classis of Bergen reports five Churches as answering, no; in that of South Bergen three answer, no; in that of Monmouth five answer, no; in that of Newark six answer, no; in that of New Brunswick two say, no; in that of Paramus thirteen answer, no; in the Passaic Classis six answer, no; in the Philadelphia Classis seven answer, no; in the Raritan Classis all answered, yes."

And in the Particular Synod of Chicago, ten ministers answered, "no" to the Second Constitutional Question.

From the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York, we have a record from only two Classes, of the answers to the Second Constitutional Question.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Kingston would report, that they are found to be in good order, containing nothing claiming the attention of Particular Synod, except the negative answers by four of the Churches to the question of preaching on the Catechism, and that Classis be directed to censure said Churches.

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the North Classis of Long Island, report that they find the Minutes neatly and correctly kept. We find that the question relating to preaching on the Heidelberg Catechism was answered negatively by seven Churches, but that no notice was taken by Classis of this neglect of a plain Constitutional requirement. We therefore recommend that the Classis be censured for their failure to reprove these delinquent Churches.

While the Particular Synod of New York so strictly and so promptly dealt with these two delinquent Classes, the majority of the Classes were not approved or censured, simply because, the Committees who examined their Minutes failed to notice the recorded answers to the Constitutional Questions. In view of the foregoing,

Your Committee recommend that the General Synod enjoin upon all the Particular Synods to give special attention to the Classical records of the answers to the constitutional questions; and that they censure those Classes where there is an evident neglect or refusal to preach upon the Heidelberg Catechism according to the constitutional requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES LE FEVRE, *Chairman.*

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was accepted, and after amendment was adopted, with the exception of the resolution on Hymnology, which was indefinitely postponed. It is as follows :

The Committee on Overtures have had submitted to them requests for dispensations and memorials relating to preaching upon the Heidelberg Catechism, to the action of the last General Synod upon the report of the late Committee on the Liturgy, and to the subject of Hymnology. We report in order, upon the various topics named, as follows :

I. DISPENSATIONS.

1. The Classis of Paramus requests for Mr. Isaac E. House, a member and officer of the Church of Clarkstown, a dispensation from the Collegiate Course, that he may enter the Theological Seminary at once; and also a dispensation from the study of Hebrew and Greek while in the Seminary itself. The reasons assigned for the request are his age, a dependent family, excellent scholarship, large experience and success in teaching, and high adaptation to immediate usefulness. The Classis, by Committee, examined Mr. House, and urge the dispensation applied for. And further, his

pastor, at our solicitation, has made to us an entirely satisfactory statement in regard to his case. We therefore recommend to the Synod that the application of the Classis of Paramus be granted.

2. The Classis of Orange requests the Synod to grant dispensations from our entire prescribed course of study to Mr. Jesse F. Shafer, a member of the Church of Newburgh, and to Mr. Richard P. Milliken, a member of the Church of Flatbush. The overture represents that Mr. Shafer is a man of about forty years of age, of good ability, of unspotted character, and a lawyer of many years standing in his profession. He has been studying theology about two years, and has been engaged meanwhile in mission work in the City of Newburgh, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. In behalf of Mr. Milliken, it states that he is thirty-six years of age, in good health, and of good natural abilities. His educational advantages have been limited; yet he has been very earnest and active for some years in missionary work in destitute places, and has had much experience in revival seasons. During the last year, under the oversight of Classis, he has labored with the Church of Grahamville with so much acceptance to the church and consistory that they now desire, without delay, to give him a unanimous call. The Classis deem him peculiarly adapted to that field of labor, and urgently request permission from the General Synod at once to examine him for licensure to the ministry of the gospel. Your Committee on Overtures think the grounds for the application of the Classis of Orange in regard to both these brethren all sufficient, and recommend that the application be granted.

3. The Classis of Schenectady requests partial dispensations for Mr. John G. Lansing, now in Egypt, and for Mr. Sydney O. Lawsing. The memorial states that Mr. Lansing has had unusual advantages for acquiring the studies of the Junior and Middle Years in our Seminary Course, and asks that he may be permitted to enter the Senior Class at once. It states that he has the unanimous approval of the Seminary Faculty to this end. On behalf of Mr. Lawsing, it asks that he may be relieved from the last two years of the College Course, and allowed to enter the Theological Seminary in the coming fall. It states that he is now doing the double work of teaching and studying, and that his eyes and health are giving out under the double pressure. The Classis heartily endorses his character and

ability. There are many brethren in the Synod who understand both these cases well. In regard to Mr. Lansing, especially, there are the strongest reasons why the Synod should not hesitate a moment; and in regard to the whole application of the Classis of Schenectady the Committee on Overtures recommend that it be granted.

4. The South Classis of Long Island requests, on behalf of Mr. Jacob Whitehurst, a dispensation from study in our Theological Seminary and from examination in the Greek and Latin languages. The memorial states that it has carefully inquired into the history, and into the abilities, natural and acquired, of this brother. Being satisfied with his case, it asks permission at once to examine him for licensure to the ministry of the gospel. Your Committee have heard statements from Mr. Whitehurst's pastor and others, which they will now publicly make, if required, to the Synod itself; and we recommend that the application of the South Classis of Long Island be granted.

II. THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM.

The Classis of Montgomery sends to the Synod an overture relating to the law of the Church upon the preaching or expounding of the Heidelberg Catechism, and to the practice of the ministry under that law. The memorial does not allude to any laxity in ministerial practice, or directly or indirectly complain of or censure any one. Its only object is to secure statistical information. Striking off its preambles, it closes substantially with the following words:

“We, your memorialists, do hereby earnestly request and petition the General Synod to ascertain (through the Particular Synods or from the different Classes, or in such other manner as may seem best) the number of ministers who comply with the requirements of the Constitution, and the number of ministers who do not comply with them, and to report the same at the earliest practicable moment.”

In regard to this memorial your Committee have thought much, and feel that while we might dispose of it very briefly by recommending that it be laid upon the table, as a proposition involving very great difficulty, it yet invites, from the General Synod an expression of view upon a subject of great interest to the Church at large. The organic law of the Church is as explicit in regard to

preaching upon the Heidelberg Catechism as it is possible to be. Its terms admit of no misunderstanding, and the requirements in regard to the Catechism are so repeated and reiterated in its formulas as to constitute a prominent feature, and to give a special genius to our Church itself, as living and moving under its special constitution. Historically our Reformed Church is a Church of marked doctrinal character. In every step of the past it has taken great care to avow itself a Church of fixed faith, and has exercised the greatest care over its pulpits to make them teaching pulpits, and over its people to bring them onward as a well indoctrinated people. Every Professor of Theology in our Church, upon his induction to office, is required to sign a formula declaring his faith in the doctrines of our Catechism and in our other standards, and promising not alone faithfully to defend, but even diligently to teach these doctrines. And, in regard to our ministers, no one has ever entered one of our pulpits as a pastor without having signed a formula for his license to preach, without having received and accepted a regularly prescribed call, and without having signed a formula upon ordination; all of which, in unequivocal language, bind every minister to teach the doctrines of the Heidelberg Catechism; and the second of which, namely, The Call, "expressly stipulates" that the called pastor shall "explain a portion of the Heidelberg Catechism on the Lord's Days, agreeably to the established order of the Reformed (Dutch) Church." No minister ever gains access to a pulpit of our Church without having publicly accepted and adopted these formulas. And as if all this were not enough, the Constitution makes the further provision, that, at each Spring Session of Classis, the minister of each church and his elder shall answer to the Second Question of Article VII., Section 7, of the Constitution, viz: "Is the Heidelberg Catechism regularly explained agreeably to the Constitution of the Reformed (Dutch) Church?" And the reference here, by the way, is not alone to the requisitions of the formulas we have named, but to a further provision that "every minister shall, in the ordinary morning or afternoon service on the Lord's Day, explain the system of Christian doctrine comprehended in the Heidelberg Catechism adopted by the Reformed Churches, so that, if practicable, the explanation may be annually completed, but shall never be extended beyond the term of four years." And to this provision is appended this language:

“The several Classes shall, at their stated meetings preceding the annual meeting of General Synod, make strict inquiry whether the preceding part of this section has been fully complied with by every minister; and if any minister shall be found deficient, without sufficient reason, the Classis shall inflict such censure as they in their wisdom may judge the omission to merit; and the several Classes shall make a full and faithful report of the result of their inquiries and doings on this behalf to the Particular Synod.”—*Constitution, Art VI., Sec. 13.*

It is difficult to imagine how the organic law of a Church could declare itself more explicitly upon a given point. And the extent to which expression on this point is interwoven into the texture of the whole instrument shows that the Reformed Church has a genius, which is maintained or annihilated as the Heidelberg Catechism and its teachings live in its pulpits and in the hearts and affections of its people, or are by one or the other, or both, repudiated and scorned. And yet, if we look at the facts disclosed in our practice and in the confessions of our ministers and elders, there is a wide-spread repudiation of the Catechism. The memorial from the Classis of Montgomery, which has called out this report, was before its own Particular Synod, at its late session in Albany; and in the report of the said Synod's Committee on Overtures occur these words, referring apparently to the practice of the ministers generally throughout the whole Church: “Your Committee are of the opinion that not more than one-fourth of the ministers comply with the requirements of this call of the Constitution.” And, brethren, your own Committee on Overtures know, at least, that, in regard to the requirements of our law, there is a wide-spread, and we think there is even a growing, indifference. Now, assuredly, this sign of our times ought not to pass unnoticed. No action of this Synod can, we suppose, alter the views of any individual minister or church on this subject; but we cannot but see, that just in so far as law can be violated with impunity, and just in so far as the very genius of our Church can be ignored and even contemned by its ministers themselves; and, moreover, just in so far as ministers can be permitted to sign formula after formula, and even accept calls to explicit service, with at the same time not the slightest respect for that which they sign, or the slightest intention to do what they solemnly promise, to this precise extent

must the self-respect of the Church go down, the genius of the Church die out, and the consciences of ministers and people become accustomed to a training which cannot but bring about the most alarming results in the time to come. The Committee feel that this subject involves the historic character, the peculiar genius, the permanence and perpetuity of our beloved Church, and this is their apology for treating it so much at length. If the dispensation of the Church on earth is really changed, or is changing at such a rate as to require an essentially new departure in our church life, let us drop our teaching character, and take on a new genius suited to the times. If, however, the teaching genius of our Church be, as we think it is, called for now as much as, and even more than ever, to meet and bear back the daily growing vigor of infidelity and rationalism, let us cling to and strongly assert our constitutional principles and our traditional position. The Committee propose to the Synod, in view of the memorial of the Classis of Montgomery, and in view of the suggestions of this report, the following action:

Resolved, first, (in reference to the memorial of the Classis of Montgomery,) That we think the provision of the Constitution in the 13th Section of Article VI. sufficient, if observed, to bring out the statistics they wish, and believe that if a constitutional law, looking to a certain result, prove insufficient to secure that result, further legislation generally has an injurious, rather than a beneficial effect.

Resolved, secondly, That the attention of the churches be called to the requirement in the Constitution, that the Heidelberg Catechism be regularly explained in accordance with its deliverance in June, 1870, on the method of explanation, in which it was not intended that merely preaching on the doctrines contained in the Catechism should be allowed to take the place of reading each section in course and explaining it in accordance with the Constitution.

III. THE LITURGY.

The Classis of Poughkeepsie directs the attention of this Synod to certain resolutions recorded upon page 313 of the present volume of our printed Minutes, and there stated to have been laid upon the table. The Classis says this course was taken with these resolutions by the last Synod "chiefly through lack of time for their consider-

ation," and earnestly requests that they may be brought before the present Synod for thorough discussion and final action. The Committee on Overtures have turned to the resolutions referred to, and, modifying them slightly to meet the expressed views of brethren of the Synod, offer the following series of resolutions for present consideration, viz :

Resolved, That this Synod approve, on the whole, of the manner in which the Committee on the New Liturgy have performed their work, and commend the same to the careful examination of the churches until such time as final action may be taken according to the Constitution.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the forms in the proposed liturgy, numbered 8, 9, 10 and 12, and parts of 13, embrace subjects which are not provided for in our existing liturgy, viz : the offices for installation of ministers, for laying of corner stone, for dedication of a church, for burial of the dead, that this Synod hereby approves of the same, and recommends the Classes to give consent that they be printed in connection with our standards, not as authoritative and imperative formulas, but as specimens embodying the sense of the Church in reference to the most edifying mode of rendering these services.

Resolved, That the Synod hereby approves of office No. 4 in the new liturgy for the public recognition of the reception into full communion of persons who have been baptized, and recommends the Classes to give consent that the same be printed in connection with our standards.

IV. HYMNOLGY.

Upon this subject the Particular Synod of New York has referred to this General Synod a memorial addressed to it by the Classis of Poughkeepsie. This reference has been committed to your Committee on Overtures, and together with it a memorial from the Classis of Westchester, addressed directly to the General Synod itself. The memorial is as follows :

"*Resolved*. That this Classis memorialize the General Synod to recommend to the respective Classes for their action an alteration of Article X., Section 5, of the Constitution, so that each *Classis* shall have authority to decide as to what psalms and hymns may be used in the churches under its care."

The Committee hardly know what to do with these references. The subject of hymnology seems to be much agitated in the church. It has already been the occasion of several memorials to the Synods, and we do not believe it will be set at rest until some decisive course shall be taken, by which the real sense of the church in regard to it shall be drawn out. We offer for the action of General Synod the following resolution :

**Resolved*, That we recommend to the Classes to strike out by vote the 5th Section of the 10th Article of the Constitution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID COLE, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the Committee on Hymnology be instructed to make such arrangements as shall put the price of the "Hymns of the Church" as low as that of other books of Praise.

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod on the subject of reducing the expenses of the Boards, presented their report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee "in relation to reducing the expenses of the Boards," appointed by the General Synod of 1875, (minutes p. 314), beg leave to report respectfully :

They have endeavored to discharge the duty imposed upon them, in accordance with the suggestions contained in the terms of their appointments. They have sought light from every quarter to which they knew to look. They have very carefully weighed each suggestion they have received.

It will be remembered that our chairman published in the Christian Intelligencer a request for communications from lay or clerical brethren, that might throw light upon our path. The responses to this were from very few persons indeed; showing *either so delicate consideration* for the Committee as to be unwilling to interfere in any wise with their work, or even seem to call in question their infallible wisdom in grappling with so grave a matter; *or a singular indifference* to the whole subject; *or a general satisfaction* with present arrangements. This latter supposition we believe to be the more probable. The replies represented were very

* NOTE. This resolution was indefinitely postponed.

carefully drawn, and deserved, and received the most careful consideration. Your Committee render their grateful acknowledgements to all who have endeavored to aid them in understanding the question.

Various plans for reorganization; consolidation entire and partial; dispensing with Secretaries and employing Clerks; having settled Pastors to act as Secretaries; all have been weighed with the best thought your Committee could give.

The conclusions, which we present to the Synod, have been the more readily reached from these two facts. The special Committee on the Board of Publication appointed by the same Synod, made such arrangements with said Board, as to give very general satisfaction, (so far at least as known), and to relieve *this* Committee of any special attention to its condition or work. We did not feel warranted in any interference.

The other fact was this. Upon a comparison of views in their first interview, your Committee, while differing on several points, were at once unanimously of opinion, that the Board of Foreign Missions could not do its work efficiently without the entire service and strength of one man of ability and adaptation to such work.

This left only the Boards of Domestic Missions and of Education. Was it advisable to place them under one Secretary? We made careful and thorough enquiry, and became satisfied that the necessary Clerk hire would leave a very small margin of gain in payment of salaries, while the risk of loss in income and general interest was exceedingly hazardous, and the difficulties in arranging the details of such a plan were very great.

Your Committee recommend:

Resolved, That no change in the organization of the benevolent Boards of our Church is advisable at the present time.

In support of this, permit a very brief presentation of some of the considerations that have influenced the minds of your Committee.

. (a). THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST.

We do not propose to recite that history. The Summary, in the excellent Manual of Rev. Dr. Corwin, is accessible to all. This, along with the Minutes of General Synod, and the annual reports of the several Boards, will furnish abundant proof for the following statements:

The period of separate Boards, with secretaries devoting their entire time and strength in the service, has been characterized by steady increase in the amount of contributions. There have been fluctuations; but steps in advance have marked all the way. The largest additions have also been made to the permanent funds, by bequest and otherwise. The influence of the secretary reaches farther than, perchance, to increase somewhat the amount of the collection on any given Sabbath. Impressions are made, and thoughts are awakened, in many of the godly men and women, who love our Church and her institutions, that ripen into the best practical fruit: the bestowment of large sums for specific purposes, and in permanent investment. Instances can be given.

Hence, permit us to ask—do not those pastors and consistories make a mistake, who fail to invite the secretaries of our own Boards, to present their claims in said Churches? They may do as well, *probably better*, in the collection for that day; but do they not lose in suggestions for the future?

This has likewise been the period of denominational *growth*. Contrast what has been accomplished during the last quarter of a century, with any previous twenty-five years in our denominational existence.

In reviewing the past there rises also this thought, to which due weight should be given, the present arrangements were constituted by the venerable Fathers of our Church. Their names are held in highest honor among us for their ability, their conservative, yet progressive modes of thought and action, and their unfaltering and intelligent devotion to the interests of the Church they served. They tried almost every method, and were educated by their experience to the adoption of the present order. They were not, indeed, infallible. They would be the first to say, if you can find a better way adopt it. But what need have we to repeat their experiments? Why not learn from their history? Surely men like Knox, De Witt, Bethune, Romeyn, Ferris, Hutton and others in the ministry, and Van Nest, Suydam, Crosby and other noble names of the laity, were wise enough in their generation to discern the result of their measures; and when one failed to try another. Their experience led them, step by step, to the methods now in force.

In accord with this is the history of sister denominations. So far as known to your Committee, and they have made no little enquiry, they find that consolidation beyond a certain point interferes with efficient administration. We will not weary Synod with any rehearsal. Any Brother can easily satisfy himself.

(b). THE DEMANDS OF THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE.

If at any time a Secretary for each Board was needed, much more now, when their work is constantly enlarging. Much more still does the *future call* for it. The promise for the coming good time never was brighter than at present. There are, indeed, groanings and grumbings and croakings. Failures and disappointments do occur. Nevertheless, the Lord is doing great things for us. The path before our beloved Zion opens widely and hopefully and beckons us onward. The voice that comes from the fields at home and abroad cries: say ye to the sons and daughters of the old Reformed Dutch Church that they go forward, occupy and cultivate the fields, and reap the glorious harvest her Lord has prepared. When it is concluded we are to have no future, then it will be time enough to dismiss our secretaries and disband our Boards. But we do not intend to come to any such conclusion in this year of grace, 1876, this year of centennial memories and congratulations. By the blessing of the Head of the Church, our dear Lord, the coming century shall be one of greater power and glory than the past; and the year 1976 shall hear from the lips of our grandchildren, not a funeral sermon over a dead and buried family in the household of faith, but a hallelujah of thanksgiving, because hundreds have multiplied into thousands and hundreds of thousands.

(c). THE DANGERS ATTENDING INNOVATION.

We are not of those who, at every proposed change, exclaim, "There is a lion in the way." Nor are we of those who think any change an improvement, must be for the better, because it cannot be for the worse. But certainly we should be very cautious how we molest the healthful action of existing arrangements. The importance of the benevolent operations of the Church cannot be overstated. Any measure or act, affecting them favorably or ad-

versely, must affect similarly every other interest. The entire denominational life must feel the influence. If this warm heart have healthful vigor, the whole body will have successful working force; if it be paralyzed, wholly or partially, the energy of the whole body must be weakened. To possess such vitality the benevolent methods must have universal, hearty confidence, warm sympathy and faithful co-operation. This certainly has been the fact in great part, until very recently; and even now, after all that has been said, we are persuaded that almost the entire body of our membership, and the large majority of our ministry are content to let well enough alone. Introduce some new system in support of a theory, and every one will be afraid. No one can know how it will work. General suspicion will be awakened. The flow of offerings in men and means for Christ's work will lessen, and bequests will cease. For men will not bestow money to any objects around which gather uncertainty and distrust. Our people above all others love stability, and dislike change.

(d). NO VERY MATERIAL REDUCTION OF EXPENSES SEEMS POSSIBLE ON ANY OTHER ARRANGEMENT.

The expenses! That is the gravamen of the question. Your Committee have considered calculations as to probable expenses on various plans. They are satisfied that no reduction is possible commensurate with the certain losses. We will not reproduce for the delectation of Synod the columns of figures through which we have waded. This only would we say. Certain work must be done. It can be done only by clerks or a secretary. By the latter, a good and capable man, it is done well and satisfactorily. By the former, with divided responsibility and less ability, its efficient performance would be questionable, while its cost would be diminished very inconsiderably. At the same time some highly necessary work now done, could not be done at all.

But does not the running of the machinery cost too much? This question is put by many who devotedly love our Church, and who liberally give, earnestly pray, and diligently labor for her prosperity. Let us look at it.

The *incidental expenses* for rent, fires, traveling, printing, postage, &c., are variable. The calculation is that for the coming year the

total reduction for all the Boards will be several thousands; fifteen hundred dollars on rent, the Sower, &c. Now in reference to these, permit this remark: we *must entrust much* to the discretion of the Boards. They number among them many of our most intelligent and reliable business men, who are devoted to our Church and its work. We may be certain they would soon stop every needless leak. If the Clergymen on the Boards may not be trusted with the financial details, are we to say the same of our capable men of business? Surely they would not consent to any appropriation of the Lord's money, given by His Church, that did not promise to promote the cause. We must trust to their fidelity and wisdom; and especially as they serve the Church without fee or reward, and at no small expenditure of precious time and toil of body and brain, besides money. Any person desiring fuller information on finances than appears in any report can always satisfy himself. The books are open to inspection. The Secretary or Treasurer will cheerfully explain. The certification of auditing Committees means not only that there are vouchers for each item of expense, but the authority of the Board or its Executive Committee for the item itself.

The other source of expense is *salaries*, \$3,000. (Since this was written the Board of Education has reduced the salary of its Secretary \$500). But either figure sounds very large. Is it too much for the service rendered? Your Committee do not ask, can the Boards afford to pay this salary? That is a question which we are not called to answer. But we believe we are right in saying, a Secretary can hardly render the service for a much smaller sum. Let these facts be remembered: no *perquisites* come to a secretary, such as cheer the heart of every pastor pleasantly settled over an affectionate people. *Car fare* and *price of lunch* at noon, for even these brethren must eat, must be paid every day. A considerable *additional expense* must be incurred in extra wear and tear of clothing; *residence* must be in or near the City of N. Y., with corresponding rent to pay. Some of your Committee have had experience of life in both country and city, and have no hesitation in affirming that any pastor in the country with a parsonage and the usual perquisites and a salary of \$1,000 or \$1,200, would be unwise, financially, to exchange his position for a secretary.

ship. One year's experience would satisfy him. Doubtless cheaper men might be found. Cheaper work would be done. We need to guard against a *wasteful economy*, a pennywise and pound-foolish policy. It is even more injurious than a wasteful extravagance. It deadens the zeal of all parties to the work.

To this we should add: Missionary pastors in the city have received an equal salary, and have found it small enough for most economical management, though in some instances recently, reduction has been made, Secretaries of other Boards and Societies receive more for similar and no more responsible labors. This comparison must aid us in forming a just opinion of the salaries paid to our Secretaries.

While these things must be said in justice to all parties, your Committee sympathize in the sentiment that the cost of administration has been disproportionate. The present salaries were fixed, when the cost of living was at its maximum. The value of money has since increased. Your Committee therefore recommend:

Resolved, That the several Boards be directed to reconsider very carefully this subject of expenses, both in salaries and incidentals, and to effect, *if possible*, a still greater reduction.

Other considerations might be adduced, and objections be considered. But we do not feel at liberty to longer claim the time and attention of Synod on this point.

Your Committee would add that at the Commencement of their consideration of this subject, some of them were of different opinions to those now presented. The more carefully they investigated, the more satisfied were they of the incorrectness of their first impressions.

Will the Synod permit us to add in conclusion. Two things seem to be eminently desirable, more than any reconstruction of the Boards.

One may be expressed in these words:

Resolved, That the several Boards be directed to consider whether the Secretaries cannot come closer to the heart of the Church by more personal visitation, by visits to Classes at stated or special meetings; to pastors and consistories, holding special conferences with them and other friends in the congregation, of the cause they severally represent.

Your Committee cannot say whether some such method is, or is not practicable. That it is desirable we are fully assured. Is it not true that more *field-work* is demanded, such as a business man would perform in canvassing a field for customers? We all know the magnetism of personal presence. The person, who will give you 50 cents on the plate, or \$1 for a circular, will give you \$5 or \$10. for a personal appeal. Even the wealthiest and most liberal of our congregations will feel the influence; while for those who are or seem indifferent, whether of ministers or Churches or individuals, it is the last hope.

The other thing may be expressed thus:

Resolved, That the Boards of Benevolence be commended *anew* to the *fullest confidence, the largest liberality, and devoted co-operation* of all our ministers and people.

These are indispensable. *Confidence* must be cherished. Your Committee beg to say; do not allow suspicion of your Brethren a place in your heads. You might indeed do the same work very much better. But the Master, in His appointment, has given the work to them. If ever you are called to these positions of responsibility, whether in the Boards or the Secretaryship, a position which no man need covet, you will need the confidence of your Brethren. Give yours now.

Liberality needs increase. The larger your gifts, the more work will be done, and for the same expense. Why not pour your benefactions through these channels? Why let the large streams run into other reservoirs, and only the little rivulets find their way to these? Why should our honored Church fail to provide for her own household of faith, in all its varied interests and needs? You know the Apostle's declaration concerning the man who provides not for his own.

Co-operation of all our Church is a privilege and a duty. Help each cause in every possible way. Talk and preach about them. Scatter all the information you can gather. Plead with men and with God. A loving, heart-interest will be ingenious in devising methods of assistance. Let every Church do something for each Board; let every man, woman and child do something, if all may merit the noblest eulogy ever pronounced upon mortal—that spoken by our blessed Lord so tenderly and approvingly of the

woman who beforehand anointed Him for His burial by breaking the ababaster-box of very precious ointment on His head, "She hath done what she could"—*then* there will be no lack of means for the work of the Lord.

In promotion of this desirable result, your Committee also recommend :

Resolved, That each Classis, (in which some such provision is not already made), be directed to appoint annually one of their number, whose duty shall be to give special attention to the benevolent interests of our Boards in the Classes.

This may be done without even seeming to assume superiority. He may represent the Boards for the time to his Brethren and Co-presbyters. To him the Secretaries may communicate details of the work. He may spread it before the Churches by an address or sermon at Classis, and by exchange of Pulpits with pastors, and by conference with friends and Consistories. Might not very much be done by some such means in promoting confidence, co-operation and benevolence? We ought to reach all and induce all to do what they can for the cause of Him, whose is "the Kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever."

Very diffidently do we present this report to you, Fathers and Brethren of the Synod of 1876. Deeply conscious are we of our unfitness to advise your Reverend Body. Very gladly would we have seen this duty committed to other and abler hands; but as we did not seek it, so we could not refuse it. You, who have not the work to do, can only partially appreciate the delicacy of the task, and the gravity of the responsibility. It almost appeared like calling back from the dead some of our most honored Fathers in the Church to tell us why they did such things; like arraigning for trial before us some of the best and most devoted christian men; like touching the very ark of the Lord. Our only desire was to reach conclusions, under Divine guidance, that would be for the best interests and permanent prosperity of our beloved Church. Whether or not our conclusions shall meet with the acceptance of Synod and the Church, we shall at least have the "testimony of our conscience" that we tried to do our duty honestly and faithfully.

Let us assure the Synod, and through the Synod the Church, that the offices of Secretary are no sinecures. Whoever occupies

either has abundant work; while the grave responsibility must press heavily upon a conscientious man, especially in cases of difficulty, which are by no means infrequent, is the obligation weighty, the tact needed very great, and the influence for good scarcely to be measured? No man need desire to be Secretary of one of our Boards, on the supposition that he will have a nice berth and an easy time. If he wants plenty of work, and some of it very delicate work; if he wants to spend a good part of his time away from his study, and his home and his family; and if he is willing to take very moderate pay for it all; then let him ask one of our Boards to elect him Secretary.

We reiterate, in closing, the stirring words of the famous report made to Synod of 1848, as equally appropriate to-day: "in view of the signs of the times, and the rapid expenditure of the years of prophecy, should we not derive additional incitement to all due fidelity by the thought that the time is at hand, that the interests to which our institutions are subservient are approaching the hour of triumph; that the domes and walls of the identical structure we rear and sustain will glitter with the peculiar brightness of the millennial sun, and that the halls and chambers where we have counselled and prayed will re-echo the triumphant mingled shout of earth and heaven: 'Now is come salvation and strength, and the kingdom of our God and power of His Christ.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. HENRY MANDEVILLE, *Chairman.*

WM. RANKIN DURYEE,

D. P. INGRAHAM,

A. J. BEEKMAN,

S. R. W. HEATH.

The following are the Resolutions contained in the preceding Report.

1. That no change in the organization of the Benevolent Boards of our Church is advisable at the present time.

2. That the several Boards be directed to reconsider very carefully this subject of expenses, both in salaries and incidentals, and to effect, if possible, a still greater reduction.

3. That the several Boards be directed to consider whether the Secretaries cannot come closer to the heart of the Church by more personal visitation; by visits to Particular Synods, to Classes at Stated or Special meetings; to Pastors and Consistories, holding special conferences with them and other friends in the congregation, of the cause they severally represent.

4. That the several Boards of Benevolence be commended *anew* to the fullest confidence, the largest liberality, and devoted cooperation of all our ministers and people.

5. That each Classis, (in which some such provision is not already made), be directed to appoint annually one of their number whose duty shall be to give special attention to the benevolent interests of our Boards in the Classis.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Judicial Business having had referred to them a resolution on the subject of revoking licenses given to persons receiving a dispensation from the General Synod, reported in favor of adopting the resolution. The report was accepted, and together with the resolution, and a substitute offered in its stead, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. E. T. Corwin, Rev. James Demarest, Jr., and Elder William H. Kirk, to report thereon to the next General Synod.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Reports from all the Classes except Arcot, containing their action in reference to the amendment to the Constitution proposed

by the last General Synod (p. 313), were received, and referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John Minor, W. Ingalls, and Elder G. A. N. Ackerman, who reported as follows:—

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendment, report as follows :

That 22 Classes vote in favor of adopting the change proposed in the new Liturgy relating to the form of marriage; 7 against said change; 3 have taken no action in the case, and 1 has sent in no report.

Those voting *affirmatively*, are South Classis of Bergen, Geneva, Poughkeepsic, Raritan, Saratoga, Rensselaer, Cayuga, Holland, Westchester, New Brunswick, New York, Paramus, Hudson, Kingston, South Classis of Long Island, Michigan, Montgomery, Newark, North Classis of Long Island, Passaic, Philadelphia and Schoharie—22 in number.

Those against are Wisconsin, Illinois, Grand River, Albany, Greene, Orange and Monmouth—7.

No action, Classis of Bergen, Ulster, and Schenectady—3.

No report from Arcot.

Inasmuch as a majority of two-thirds of the Classes have voted to substitute the Form of Marriage proposed by the Committee on the Liturgy for that now recognized,

Resolved, That this Synod approves of such *substitution*, and *hereby declares* the proposed form adopted.

J. MINOR, *Chairman of Committee*.

Resolved, That the General Synod would call the attention of the Churches to the requirement in the Constitution that the Heidelberg Catechism be regularly explained, in accordance with its deliverance, June, 1870, on the method of explanation, in which it was not intended that merely preaching on the doctrines contained in the Catechism should be allowed to take the place of reading each section in course, and explaining it in accordance with the constitution.

For further action on this subject see report of Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, and referred to the Committee on Education, except so

much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, was received and referred to the same Committee.

The Committee on Education presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Education report that the only matter referred to them by the Synod is the Report of the Board of Education.

From the details of the numbers of students in various departments and places of instruction, we learn that seven were licensed to preach the gospel in the spring of 1875, and are all in the service as ordained ministers; while thirteen more have been licensed in the spring of 1876, with places waiting for them all in the harvest field; and that the number already received and applying to the Board is in excess of that of those who have finished their preparatory course.

Whatever contraction in expenses may be demanded by the times, your Board is in the condition of parents with a growing family—more expenses and more work before them. Whatever is superfluous must be cut off, but what is needful must be got, at all events. The Board has a debt of more than eight thousand dollars, but still the cry of the called of the Lord is heard : “Here am I, send me.” With the preparation made both in New Brunswick and at Hope College, of theological halls, professorial chairs and accumulating libraries, we have indicated a corresponding movement of consecrated minds and hearts. We have the institutions provided, and now behold the men coming forward to occupy them.

It is the duty of this Committee to call the attention of every church to the provision of ways and means for the support of the growing family.

Such movements of men to the Lord's service must be recognized and cherished by the Synod, as the very seed-corn of the Church.

There can be no substitute for the Church activity which arises from an inward growth. From our own families must come the supply of the ministry for our spiritual patrimony. If the work must be done only by strangers, the fields will soon pass into strangers' hands. Aid from without, however needed, valued or remunerated, can never supersede home energies. The kernel and the shell must

grow together in the perfect seed. Historic life must be self-evolved. There are affections which strangers cannot exercise for our Church institutions, and results which can never be reached without a common historic origin, sympathies and influences. If the sons of the husbandmen are without the industry to work the paternal acres, an ancestral name will prove a poor substitute for a comfortable home. If now it be remembered that our home and field is not merely a section of this republic, but the wide continent and the heathen world, how pressing is the call on the families of the Church to be up and doing.

It is intimated that the amount of money furnished by the Board is insufficient for the whole support of those who have no independent means for procuring the prescribed education for the ministry. In this fact the Committee perceive an opportunity of commending to the personal sympathies and direct interest of churches and church members, such young men, to help them by supplies, and especially to furnish them with suitable and remunerative employment as occasion may arise during their vacations. Your Committee notice that inviting fields in Maine, Nova Scotia and Canada are opened for them in decayed or incipient churches, where our theological students are occupied in missionary labor for four months of the year. In this way these fields are cultivated, while our own perchance, are suffered to lie waste. In this way some of our own students have been diverted from the permanent exercise of the ministry in our own, to other territory. Doubtless there are portions of our own Church in which as many of our students as may wish so to employ their vacations, or make use of the privilege of public labor accorded to the Senior Class in the Seminary, may eke out a competent support and some little provision for a library to be used in their subsequent ministry. We think these suggestions worthy of the regard of the Classes and the Churches, and of the endorsement of the Synod.

The accounts of the Board are given very succinctly. On account of the want of details we are unable to say more, except that specific and full financial statements, especially in the items of expense, encourage liberality in contributors, while the want of details leads to the direct contrary result. In these days, when economy is become the law of every household and every church, it is indispensable that expenses be cut down to the lowest point, and the evidence of such

economy presented to those contributors upon whose liberality the working of all our Boards depends. We recommend the following resolutions :

1. That the resolution of the Board to reduce its current expenses meets the approval of General Synod ; and that they be urged to reduce the whole amount of annual expense, if practicable, to the sum of \$3,500.

2. That unabated efforts be made to increase the contributions to the Board of Education, so as not only to provide for new applicants, but as soon as possible to extinguish the debt.

3. That the pastoral care of the young men upon the funds be remitted to the various Professors and Teachers with whom, at the time being, each student may be pursuing his studies.

4. That the young men of our Board, who are struggling to meet the expenses incident to their studies, be commended not merely to the contributions of the churches through the Board, but to such opportunities of Christian labor as may be open to them among the churches during vacations.

5. That the whole subject of the training of a native ministry from out the families of the Church be commended to the consciences of the fathers and mothers and youth of our communion, as the highest possible evidence of genuine consecration to Christ's cause, and the indispensable condition of the Church's prosperity.

6. That the last Thursday in January be observed as a day of prayer for colleges and seminaries of learning ; and that the subject of the training of young men for the ministry be presented from our pulpits on the preceding Sabbath.

WM. V. V. MABON, *Chairman.*

June 13th, 1876.

The following persons were elected to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education :

Rev. John Gaston,
" G. J. Van Neste,
" C. S. Hageman,
" S. J. Rogers,

Mr. Walter Brett,
" John Lefferts,
" John D. Prince,
" Geo. Stewart.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHURCH COLLEGES.

The Annual Report of the Council of Hope College was received read and referred to the Committee on the Professorate. It is as follows :

Annual Report of the Council of Hope College, to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, June, 1876.

HOPE COLLEGE, April 28, 1876.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Council of Hope College beg leave to present their Annual Report as follows :

MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATION.

The Council met in regular session on the 16th of June, 1875 ; and the following members were present :

Rev. A. C. Van Raalte representing the Synod of Chicago ; Rev. A. T. Stewart, Rev. J. W. Beardslee and Rev. A. H. Van Vranken representing the Classis of Michigan ; Rev. J. S. Joralmon and Rev. E. Winter, representing the Classis of Illinois ; Rev. P. De Pree and Rev. H. Uiterwyk representing the Classis of Holland ; Rev. J. H. Karsten representing the Classis of Wisconsin ; Rev. C. Van Der Meulen representing the Classis of Grand River, together with Rev. Ph. Phelps, Jr., representing the Institution.

The following officers were elected, viz.: Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, *President* ; Rev. J. W. Beardslee, *Adressor* ; Rev. A. T. Stewart, *Secretary* ; Prof. C. Doesburg, *Treasurer*.

A special meeting was held on the 30th of Nov. 1875, to take action in the matter of appointing a financial agent.

The last regular session of Council was opened at 10½ A. M. Wednesday, April 26th and continued till 3 P. M. Friday, April 28th, 1876. The following members were present, viz.: Revs. A. T. Stewart, J. W. Beardslee and A. H. Van Vranken, representing the Classis of Michigan ; Revs. P. De Free, H. Uiterwyk and R. Pieters and Elder J. Heeringa representing the Classis of Holland ; Rev. J. H. Karsten representing the Classis of Wisconsin ; Revs. A. Kriekard and J. De Pree representing the Classis of

Grand River, together with Rev. Ph. Phelps, Jr., representing the Institution. Rev. Charles Scott, advisory member for the Theological Faculty, was also present. Dr. Van Raalte the President of the Council sent information of his inability to attend on account of his continued bodily weakness.

THE WORK OF THE INSTITUTION.

At the opening of the regular session in April 1876, the President of the Institution read his annual report and laid it before the Council. Also reports and recommendations of the several Faculties were read. And the Council would report the following, in connection with the *work* and *support* of the Institution :

I. THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The following students have been in attendance during the year :

Senior Class.—Frederick P. Bakker, Josias Meulendyk and Helenus E. Nies, together with Barend Weenik, in elective course.

Middle Class.—Harm Van Der Ploeg and Cornelis Wabeke.

Junior Class.—Lawrence Dykstra and John Hoekje.

The report of the Faculty states that the diligence of the students has been commendable and their proficiency in study, satisfactory.

The usual exercises in preaching both in the English and Dutch languages have been observed, while the members of the Senior Class have preached frequently during the year among the churches, in accordance with the rules of the General Synod.

Besides his regular branches of instruction, Prof. Crispell has by appointment of Council, taught the Senior and Junior classes in Pastoral Theology as in former years.

The Senior class was examined in the usual branches prescribed; and it was resolved that their examination be sustained, and that Messrs. Bakker, Meulendyk and Nies be furnished with the certificate directed by the General Synod.

Also that Mr. Weenik, student in elective theological course receive a suitable certificate at the Commencement in June.

II. ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT. •

The whole number of students in this department has been twenty-two, of whom nineteen are in attendance, classified as follows: Seniors, 5; Juniors, 4; Sophomores, 3; Freshmen, 7; all but one being in full course. These are from eleven different places, in four States, besides the Netherlands and Japan.

The report of the Faculty states that a fair record and uniform good order have marked the conduct of the students.

The Senior Class was examined in the regular course; and it was resolved that the examination be sustained and that the customary diploma of the degree of Bachelor of Arts be presented at the Commencement in June to all the members, viz., Henry E. Dosker, Frank A. Force, Albert A. Pfanstiehl, Cornelis Van Oostenbrugge and Douwe Yntema.

III. PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

The whole number of students in this department, has been seventy-one, classified as follows: Class A, 19; Class B, 12; Class C, 21; Class D, 17; unclassified, 2. These are from twenty-seven different places in five different States, besides the Netherlands and Japan.

The time fixed for the examination of these classes, is at the opening of Council on the third Wednesday of June.

REQUISITES FOR THE WORK.

1. *Library and Reading Room.* Since the Report of 1874, more than twelve hundred volumes have been presented by Mrs. Morris K. Jesup, of New York, from the library of her father, the late Dr. Thomas De Witt.

Valuable contributions have been received also from Judge Williams of Allegan, and Judge Wells of Kalamazoo.

2. *Department of Publication.* In this department DE HOPE has been regularly issued under the supervision of an editorial committee appointed by the Council, consisting of Revs. Roelof Pieters and Henry Uiterwyk, and the managing editor, Prof. Cor-

nelis Doesburg. Its value is very great, its prospects are encouraging, and its financial exhibit for the year, though not quite up to the expectation of the last report, is full of promise for the future.

3. *Scientific Basis.* In connection with the James Suydam Trust, William H. H. Moore, Esq., of New York City, has added another thousand dollars to his former eminent gift, making the whole amount contributed by him \$4,000. The President states in his report that the above amount has been invested in the manner approved by the donor; and the Treasurer's report shows a surplus in the William H. H. Moore Fund.

THE SUPPORT OF THE INSTITUTION.

The following abstract of the accounts of the Treasurer for two years, from April 1, 1874, to April 1, 1876, was presented by the President in his report, from which the Council embody it as a whole in this.

For reasons mentioned by the Council in its last report, only a very imperfect statement concerning the treasury was sent to the Synod a year ago; and therefore the abstract which follows, covers a period of two years in all its details.

I. CONTINGENT FUND.

1. *Special Contingent Account* for salaries established originally by the Board of Education, under authority of the General Synod.

Received endowment interest from the General Synod for 1874-5.....	\$886 57
Received from the Board of Education for 1874-5....	2,900 00
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	\$3,786 57

The preceeding amount was paid to Drs. Crispell, Scott, Beck and Phelps as appears on pages 321 of the Minutes of the Synod, for June, 1875, but it is here repeated, to render the present report complete.

Received endowment interest from the General Synod for 1875-6.	\$1,293 84
From the Board of Education 1875-6.....	1,200 00
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	\$2,493 84

This latter amount has been paid as follows :

Rev. T. Romeyn Beck.....	\$581 89
“ Chas. Scott.....	581 90
“ C. E. Crispell.....	581 90
“ Philip Phelps, Jr.....	748 15 \$2,493 84

Up to May 1, 1875, there still remains due a balance as follows : Prof. Beck, \$584 57 ; Dr. Scott, \$584 56 ; Dr. Crispell, \$584 56 ; Ph. Phelps, Jr., \$565 88. This balance amounting to \$2,319 57, is provided for by the endowment held by the General Synod, which will be sufficient to meet it in about two years more.

For the year ending April 30, 1876, Dr. Crispell has received \$200 besides a little endowment interest ; Dr. Scott, \$200 ; Prof. Beck, \$200 ; and the President of the Institution nothing at all. There is, however due \$300, from the Board of Education to each of the three Professors.

2. *The Ordinary Contingent Account.* The following is the abstract for the two years since the report of 1874 :

RECEIPTS.

Endowment interest as per page 321 of Minutes of Synod, June, 1875, which did not include any part of endowment fund, as it is made by mistake to appear in the report.....	\$1,869 70	
Endowment interest since	3,604 37	\$5,474 07
Contingent Fees.....		1,450 40
Donations as follows :		
Miss S. Y. Lansing, Albany, N. Y.....	100	
Rev. John Van DerMeulen.....	25	
A friend in New Brunswick.....	1	
Rev. J. W. Beardslee.....	23 20	
Elder Hammond	5	
L. P. De Nooyer.....	13	
Rev. N. Neerken.....	5	
Church of Pella, Rev. E. Winter.....	55 50	
Third Church, Pella... ..	10	
Mrs. M. Few Tillotson, for female and primary instruction.....	20	
Balance of proceeds of real estate given by Dr. Van Raalte for same purpose.	289 50	547 20
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		\$7,471 67

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Teachers appointed by Council as per page 321, Minutes of Synod, June, 1873, viz.: Profs. Doesburg,

Shields and Kollen \$1,869 70

Since that report, to same and others 2,761 94 \$4,631 64

Traveling expenses of Council	252 42
Janitor	607 75
Building Account	868 89
Grounds	107 03
Furniture	305 79
School Requisites	135 74
Commencement expenses	35 77
Lights and Fuel	459 88
Cleaning	92 11
Interest	529 04
Expenses of Treasury	79 30
Sundries	290 40

Amount of Expenditures 8,395 76

Amount of Receipts 7,471 67

Deficiency 924 09

Former Deficit 5,149 28

Less Special Surplus 140 27 5,009 01

Total Contingent Deficiency \$5,933 10

II. STUDENT ACCOUNTS.

1. *Text Books*.—Former Deficiency \$464 34

Subsequent Expenses 1,071 73

1,536 07

Receipts from Sales .. 695 35

Deficiency \$840 72

2. <i>Refectory</i> .—Former Deficiency.....	444 49
Received by sales and donation of W. C. Melis.....	125
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Deficiency.....	\$319 49

III. PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT.

1. <i>Printing House</i> .—Former Deficiency.....	1,677 51
Additional expenses, less donation.....	22 49
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Deficiency.....	\$1,700

2. <i>DeHope</i> .—Received from subscriptions and post- age.....	4,510 83	
Advertisements.....	873 23	
Donations.....	254 50	5,638 56
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Paid for editorial services.....	640 71	
Wages in office.....	2,650 95	
Paper and expenses.....	1,177 48	
Agencies.....	190 91	
Interest.....	315 50	
Sundries.....	507 66	5,483 21
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Surplus.....		155 35
Former Deficiency.....		6,155 35
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Deficiency		\$6,000

IV. SCIENTIFIC BASIS.

1. <i>The James Suydam Trust</i> .—Received for rent and dockage.....	142	
Donation.....	5 01	
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Paid for expenses.....		20 98
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Surplus.....		126 03
Former Deficiency		9,126 03
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Deficiency		\$9,000

2. <i>The William H. H. Moore Fund.</i> —Received additional donation.....			1,000
From sales.....			638 01
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			1,638 01
Paid former deficiency.....		600	
Old debts and new expenses.....		995 90	1,595 90
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Surplus.....			\$42 11

V. LIBRARY AND READING ROOM ACCOUNT.

Received interest on the Samuel B. Schieffelin Fund		65	
Donation of Mrs. M. Few Tillotson for female and primary department.....		20	
Former Surplus.....		155 45	
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			240 45
Paid for books and expenses.....			91 76
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Surplus.....			\$148 69

VI. PERMANENT FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS.

1. <i>The Charter Endowment Cash</i> as per report of 1874....			\$17,969 95
Notes as per same report.....		\$12,030 05	
Notes since paid		345	345
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Notes remaining.....		11,685 05	
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Whole Charter Endowment Cash.....			\$18,314 95
2. <i>The Aaron Clement Scholarship.</i> Received on account.....			500
3. <i>Other Permanent Funds</i>		500	
Add as per report of 1874		565	1,065
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Miscellaneous Permanent Funds.....			\$1,565

The following is a summary of permanent moneys thus far received by the Council.

Charter Endowment cash	18,314 95
The Mrs. M. Few Tillotson Scholarship.....	1,000
The Mrs. Jacoba Van Den Berg Legacy.....	500
The Mrs. Mary De Pree Legacy.....	460 10
Library and Reading Room Fund	500
Other Permanent Funds	1,565
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	\$22,340 05

The above amount is employed as follows :

In Printing House	1,700
In De Hope	6,000
In James Suydam Trust	9,000
In Other real estate.....	3,390 05
Loans to Churches.....	1,250
Loans to individuals	500
Unemployed.....	500
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	\$22,340 05

VII. CASH BALANCE.

Received from loans.....	\$9,370
Surplus of "The Searcher" as per report of 1874	150 64
Surplus of Library account	148 69
Surplus of Wm. H. H. Moore Fund.....	42 11
Special.....	400
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	\$10,111 44
Employed for maintenance of real estate.....	3,018 13
For deficiency in text book account.....	840 72
For deficiency in refectory account.....	319 49
For deficiency in contingent account	5,933 10
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	\$10,111 44

In the conclusion of this report, the Council would state what has been done by them with reference to

THE ENDOWMENT WORK.

At the session in June last, it was resolved that under the power specified in the fourth resolution of Synod's action, a financial

agent be appointed. After due consideration of suggestions and specifications offered by a committee selected for the purpose, the Council proceeded to an election, the result of which was that Rev. J. W. Beardslee was chosen for such work.

Mr. Beardslee having declined the position, a special meeting of Council was called to consider the declinature and to take such farther action as might be necessary. At this meeting Prof. Gerrit J. Kollen was appointed financial agent. Prof. Kollen having signified his acceptance to the Executive Committee, entered on his work at the opening of the year. From a brief preliminary report, the Council learn that he has met with some success, and that the prospects are encouraging.

The preceding report was adopted by the Council; and it was resolved that it be printed, and that advance copies having been sent to the Board of Education and the Particular Synod of Chicago, in accordance with the constitution, it be forwarded to the General Synod.

By order of the Council,

ABEL T. STEWART, *Secretary*.

For the action of Synod in reference to Hope College see Report of the Committee on the Professorate. Article XIV.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following Report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted:

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully reports that the following papers have been placed in their hands for consideration:

I.—The Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

This is the annual document which gives us periodically, inside views of the institution, and the present one, your Committee are happy to say, is encouraging. We learn that, during the year, forty-three students have been engaged in the prosecution of theological studies; sixteen in the Senior, twelve in the Middle, and fifteen in the Junior Classes; thus making a larger number, by six, than that reported last year.

The Board speaks in high terms of the Christian and courteous conduct of the young gentlemen under its care, as having been marked for earnestness and assiduity in their studies, and as having met with the entire approbation of the Faculty.

The Board unite with the Faculty in their expression of sincere sorrow for the death of the late Rector, the Rev. Dr. Garretson, whose services have been of eminent value to the interests of the Seminary. Your Committee feel that the language of their lament is justified by the well-known character and happy influence of our departed brother, whose loss to the institution, in common with them, we all bewail, while we bow to the will of God.

The Board have succeeded in procuring the services of the Rev. Lawrence H. Vandyke as Rector, in the room of Dr. Garretson, and it is believed that this brother will be found well adapted to the position.

Proper notice is taken in the report of the death of David Bishop, Esq., who has long served on the Committee of Hertzog Theological Hall, and whose valuable aid, rendered so well and so long, is acknowledged by the Board in a becoming resolution.

The Gardner A. Sage Library, the dedication of which took place June 4, 1875, is made matter for further remark in this report; and a befitting resolution is recorded expressive of the thanks of the Board to that gentleman for his continued liberality and unremitting efforts for the prosperity of the Theological Seminary, in which expression this Synod heartily joins.

The Committee on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall presented their report to the Board, which, having been adopted, has been sent to General Synod in printed form. It thence appears that the time assigned to its continuance in the outset, expires by limitation this year. The Board raises the question of giving this Committee permanence under the new name of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Buildings and Grounds. As to the necessity or propriety of this measure, your Committee has nothing to say; the action of General Synod, already had, happily relieves from further discussion.

II.—The report of the Committee of Co-operation with the Professors of the Seminary, for the selection of books for the Theological Library, presents a very satisfactory schedule of subjects, to be a

general guide in the purchases which shall yet be made for its enlargement and usefulness. It covers the whole ground. The work hitherto done, has been well done; and your Committee recommend that it be prosecuted in the way proposed, and that the same Committee be continued.

The Committee of Co-operation say, that the General Synod has in its archives a fair manuscript copy of the correspondence with the Classis of Amsterdam before the union in 1771, and several printed pamphlets respecting the Coetus controversy, in the library, and they recommend that authority be given for having these documents translated into English, as the expense would not be great, while the gain would be very large.

Your Committee recommend the following resolution:

1. *Resolved*, That the authority asked for be granted; and that the expenses of said translation be paid out of the Library Fund.

A circular was issued some little time ago by the Committee aforesaid, asking for the library a copy of every book, sermon or pamphlet published by any of the ministers or members of our Church, with the view ultimately of making a complete collection of this literature. They are sorry to say that "not many responses to said circular have been received." Deeming this a matter of interest and importance, we trust that the circular aforesaid may not be neglected; and, in order to secure the object sought, your Committee recommend the following:

2. *Resolved*, That the circular issued by the Committee of Co-operation, asking all our ministers and members for contributions of copies of such works as they may have issued from the press, and of manuscript sermons, be earnestly commended to their favorable attention, with the least possible delay.

III.—A letter has been received from Prof. Phelps, D.D., containing this request: "The undersigned begs leave to request that the Synod would proceed to fix the sum in which the Presidency of the Institution (Hope College) shall be endowed, as he has reason to hope that moneys for the purpose can be secured for the treasury of General Synod; and further requests the approbation of Synod to spend the coming vacation in the continuance of the work originally begun by him." Your Committee recommend the following:

3. *Resolved*, That President Phelps have the approbation of Synod in continuing his work during the vacation spoken of for the endowment of the Presidency of the College, and that said endowment be not less than \$25,000.

IV.—The Annual Report of Hope College, containing the usual subjects of interest connected with that institution, has been received and duly considered. As this document will be spread out upon the minutes, your Committee beg leave to call the special attention of the whole Church to its statements when so published. "The total contingent deficiency" is in the sum of \$5,933.10. At a meeting of the Council of Hope College, Prof. Gerrit I. Kollen was appointed Financial Agent, and, having accepted, has entered upon his work with some encouraging prospects of success. Your Committee recommend the following :

4. *Resolved*, That the interests of Hope College are dear to this Synod, and they are hereby commended to the favorable regard of all our people, with the hope that their generous liberality may speedily relieve the institution from all embarrassment, and place it upon a substantial basis.

5. *Resolved*, That Prof. Kollen, the Financial Agent of Hope College, be commended to the confidence and liberality of all our people, with the hope that he may be eminently successful in his important mission.

6. *Resolved*, That the Council of Hope College be requested to present their annual reports hereafter in printed form, similar to those issued by the Boards of the Church.

V.—A letter has been received from Prof. T. Romeyn Beck, who was appointed by the last General Synod Lector in Exegetical Theology in the Theological Seminary at Hope College, with a salary of \$1,500. Prof. Beck accepts the appointment on condition that, released from anxiety, he may rely on the assurance that said salary shall be promptly paid.

A conjoint letter from Professors Crispell and Scott, on the subject of salaries, reveals the fact that there is due them for the year the sum of \$2,700, and they ask: "Cannot Synod adopt some means to secure the payment of the salaries it has fixed for us." Your Committee feel that the matter referred to in these letters is too painful for much comment. There can be no question as to the

necessity of an immediate compliance with the requests of these brethren, to whom the Synod is bound by its own acts. Your Committee beg leave to report the resolution of the last Synod touching this matter, found on its Minutes, page 334, to wit: "There is a serious difficulty in this matter somewhere, but, wherever it may be, our teachers of theology should no longer be allowed to suffer from it."

7. *Resolved*, That in accordance with the amended Constitution of Hope College, requiring that the salaries of theological teachers appointed by the General Synod shall be fixed by General Synod, the salaries of said teachers be fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) from May 1, 1875, until the income of endowments for particular chairs shall exceed that sum." According to this action, Synod is obviously bound to provide ways and means for the discharge of this indebtedness, and for securing freedom from anxiety to these laborious servants, by some method that shall justify their expectation of receiving their salaries at the times specified for payment.

8. *Resolved*, That, in addition to the apportionment of the present year for contingent expenses, all the churches be most earnestly requested to take up a special collection on the second Sabbath of November next, to meet the expenses of Synod in supporting the Theological Seminary at Hope College.

9. *Resolved*, That the resolution of the last General Synod providing for the support of the Theological Teachers in Hope College be re-affirmed, with the addition, that, in the opinion of this body, the Board of Education for the coming year should appropriate no less than three thousand (\$3,000) dollars to the Treasurer of General Synod for that purpose.

10. *Resolved*, That Dr. Crispell be authorized to select associates to assist him in soliciting funds for the endowment of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College; and that the Treasurer of General Synod be authorized to defray the expenses of such associates, making such collections, out of the fund collections.

The following persons were recommended by the Classes belonging to the Particular Synod of Chicago, to be appointed members of the Council of Hope College, viz:

Classis of Michigan.—Prof. J. W. Beardslee, for full term.
Elder Charles Scoon, in place of Elder L. O. Hammond, deceased.

Classis of Illinois.—Rev. E. P. Livingston, for full term.

Classis of Holland.—Rev. R. Pieters, for full term.

Classis of Wisconsin.—Rev. J. H. Karsten, for full term.

Classis of Grand River.—Rev. E. C. Oggel, for full term.

Your Committee recommend that these nominations be confirmed.

In consequence of the recent changes in the Board of Superintendents at New Brunswick, your Committee recommend the following :

11. *Resolved*, That the Classes which have at present no representatives on the Board of Superintendents be authorized to appoint members for said Board, in accordance with the present action of General Synod, for one year.

The matter of nominating six Elders at large to serve in the Board of Superintendents having been referred to your Committee, they beg leave to present the following for the approval of Synod :

From the Particular Synod of Albany.—W. H. Van Orden, of Catskill, and Judge Danforth, of Middleburgh.

From the Particular Synod of New York.—D. P. Ingraham, of New York City, and Edward L. Beadle, of Poughkeepsie.

From the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.—Johnson Letson, of New Brunswick, and F. T. Frelinghuysen, of Newark.

Also, your Committee recommend the following persons for confirmation, to Synod, as members of the new Standing Committee, to be known as the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property, viz: Gardner A. Sage, John W. Ferdon, S. R. W. Heath, Wm. Bogardus and Wm. H. Kirk.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. GORDON, *Chairman.*

That portion of the report of the Committee on the Professorate which was laid over by the last General Synod (p. 335) was taken up, and considered in connection with the various Overtures on the subject of the re-organization of the Board of Superintendents, and

a Memorial from the Standing Committee on Peter Hertzog Theological Hall. Rev. A. G. Vermilye, Rev. B. Van Zandt and Rev. J. B. Thompson, Commissioners from the Particular Synod of Albany, were heard in support of a plan offered by them for a change in the organization of the Board. After full discussion the following scheme was finally adopted :

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Superintendents shall consist of one member from each Classis (except those Classes in connection with the Particular Synod of Chicago), the same to be nominated by the Classes and appointed by the General Synod, together with six Elders, to be appointed by the General Synod, on nomination by the Committee on the Professorate.

2. *Resolved*, That the time of service of each member of the Board shall be three years; but in case of death, or removal, or other disability, the successor of such member shall be appointed for three years.

3. *Resolved, however*, That to secure continuous representation among the Elders appointed by the General Synod, those that are appointed at this Synod shall be divided into classes of three, to serve respectively for one, two, and three years.

4. *Resolved*, That all the present members of the Board of Superintendents, including those to be appointed by the Synod at this meeting, whether ministers or elders, retain their places, and be the representatives of the several Classes until the expiration of the time for which they have been appointed.

5. *Resolved*, That the Classes not now represented as by the preceding resolutions, be requested to nominate their respective members of the Board of Superintendents in accordance with the first resolution.

HERTZOG HALL COMMITTEE.

This Committee having ceased to exist, by reason of the limitation fixed for its continuance by the Synod of 1873, the following action was taken :

1. *Resolved*, That the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall shall be continued under the title of The Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, N. J.

2. *Resolved*, That the said Committee shall consist of five members, a majority of whom shall be laymen.

3. *Resolved*, That the Committee shall at their first meeting divide themselves into classes, so that their terms of service shall expire at the end of one, two, three, four, and five years respectively; and that the General Synod shall hereafter annually elect one to fill the vacancy thus made, whose term of service shall be five years.

4. *Resolved*, That, in addition to the five members of the above Committee, the Theological Professors shall annually elect one of their number, who shall be a member of said Committee.

The Committee on the Professorate, having been instructed to nominate the members of the above Committee, recommended the following persons, who were unanimously appointed by the Synod, viz: Gardner A. Sage, John W. Ferdon, S. R. W. Heath, William Bogardus and William H. Kirk.

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY.

The Committee appointed to co-operate with the Professors of the Seminary in selecting books for the library presented the following report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

The undersigned, appointed as a Committee to co-operate with the Professors of the Seminary in selecting books for the Theological Library, beg leave to report as follows:

We met in the Library, on the 29th of June last, and organized by the appointment of T. W. Chambers, as Chairman, and Prof. Demarest, as Secretary. The following schedule of subjects to be covered by new purchases was then arranged:

Apologetics,	Ethics,	Missions,
Archæology,	Exegesis,	Music,
Assyriology,	General Literature,	Oriental Literature,
Biblical Science,	History of our Church,	Pastoral Theology,
Chronology,	Holland,	Philology,
Church History,	Homiletics,	Philosophy,

Church Government,	Hymnology,	Symbolics,
Egyptology.	Liturgies,	{ Theology: Didactic,
		{ Polemic, Historical.

These were distributed among the members, with instructions to make full lists of titles; and it was resolved to meet monthly, in order to receive reports. Eight sessions have been held, and the work has been considerably advanced toward completion. The Committee had the aid of several eminent scholars in bibliography, and have themselves given their best attention to the matter, and, as they trust, not without satisfactory results. Special pains have been taken to secure whatever would throw light upon the early history of the Church in the Netherlands, the origin of our doctrinal standards and liturgy, the Arminian controversy, the Synod of Dort, &c., and some very gratifying acquisitions have been made. A circular was issued in the *Christian Intelligencer*, asking for the Library a copy of every book, sermon or pamphlet published by any of the ministers or members of our Church, with the view ultimately of making a complete collection of this literature. We are sorry to say that not many responses have been received.

The General Synod has in its archives a fair manuscript copy of the correspondence with the Classis of Amsterdam before the union in 1771, and several printed pamphlets respecting the Cœtus controversy are in the library. We respectfully recommend that authority be given for having these documents translated into English. The expense would not be great, while the gain would be very large.

The titles embraced in our selections, thus far, reach the number of fifteen hundred, many of which have been ordered and received. But, as the work is not yet completed, we propose to continue our labors until the most pressing wants of the library are supplied. We cannot conclude without expressing our conviction, intensified by every fresh visit, of the safety, convenience and general excellence of the library building, and of the cordiality with which the Standing Committee on Hertzog Hall have co-operated in the work committed to our care.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS,	} Committee.
C. D. HARTRANFT,	
E. T. CORWIN,	

NEW BRUNSWICK, May 15th, 1876.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the students of the Middle Class in our Seminaries be allowed to preach during vacations, under the direction of their Theological Professors.

Resolved, That Rev. Prof. Crispell be authorized to select associates to assist him in soliciting funds for the endowment of the Professorships of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College ; and that the Treasurer of General Synod be authorized to defray the expenses of such associates, making such collections out of the funds collected.

Resolved, That until the Permanent Seminary Fund shall be fully adequate for all purposes, whenever there shall be a surplus remaining at the end of the year, the Treasurer be directed to hold it as a balance in hand to meet future deficiencies, as in his own annual report, dated May 1st, 1875.

Several persons were recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers' College for aid from the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds.

VEDDER LECTURE.

The resignation of his appointment as Vedder Lecturer was received from Rev. H. D. Ganse, and accepted.

The Synod proceeded to the election of a Vedder Lecturer for 1878, and also to fill the vacancy for 1877, caused by the resignation of Rev. H. D. Ganse. A nominating ballot was had on the eighth day, and on the day following, after special prayer, an election was held, which resulted in the choice of the following persons, viz : in the place of Rev. H. D. Ganse, for 1877, Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D. For 1878, Rev. David Inglis, D.D., LL.D.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions in printed form, was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The Treasurer's Report was also received and referred.

The Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The Treasurer's Report was also received and referred.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave respectfully to present the following report :

That they have had referred to them the 44th Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, and have been favored with the advice and suggestions of the Secretary of that Board, and of several Missionary brethren present as members of Synod.

They consider, therefore, the following general statement of the position of our Foreign Mission work as fully warranted by the facts.

It is no longer a question whether we shall progress in that work ; if so, to what extent ? This Synod is called upon to decide whether it shall simply hold the ground already won, nay more, whether it shall refuse to reap the harvests for which our Church has through so many years sown the seed. The very existence of some departments of the work is now imperiled and their continuance will depend upon the action that this Synod shall recommend.

The Arcot Mission reports the loss of six missionaries during the past ten years. The Arcot Seminary and the Caste Girl's

School at Vellore have not yet been supplied with principals. From the former of these schools the native helpers are chiefly obtained. The Amoy Mission also calls for immediate reinforcements.

It will then be no matter of surprise to learn that the laborers in these fields are borne down under their responsibilities, and that some of the outlying stations have already been passed over to other hands.

An increase in the receipts of the past year is noted, mainly under the head of legacies, yet the income has barely met the necessary expenditures, and no reduction in the debt has been effected.

The Board has cut down the estimates presented by the Missions to the lowest possible point. Even on this basis, it will require at least the amount received during the past year to meet the demand.

It now remains for this Synod, speaking for the Church to its Board, and for the Board to the Church, to give its wise and solemn judgment upon the facts as presented. Shall the call of God be limited by the Church's contributions, or shall those contributions be proportioned to that call? We have stood as a distinctive Missionary Church, and with that honor has come the corresponding responsibility. It seems only necessary to bring home to all our membership these pressing claims in order to elicit a hearty response.

To this end your Committee recommend a more general diffusion of Missionary intelligence throughout the Church by means of special efforts, whenever practised by classical conventions, the pulpit and the press. They further advise greater system in individual methods of Church benevolence, and the persistent inculcation of the truth that it is only the *progressive* Church that can claim any hope or even *right* to exist. They also suggest that Synod advise the Board to supply at the earliest practicable moment the special deficiencies now reported in the Foreign Field, deeming such procedure indispensable to the successful continuance of our enterprises and the honor of our Church.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions reports a gratifying progress in its organization and contributions. It has already rendered efficient and timely aid to our general operations.

Your Committee further submit the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the experience of the Board in the conduct of the Indian Agencies placed under its control has proved the wisdom of the present civil management, and any change therein is earnestly deprecated.

2. That the General Board and the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions be commended to the prayers and support of the Church, and that the formation of auxiliary societies in connection therewith be urged upon all our Sabbath schools and Churches.

3. That a want of information regarding the Mission cause is a greater hindrance to its contributions than a want of willingness. We therefore urge the necessity of bringing home its needs to every family in our Church by the agency of the pulpit and the press. It being left to the discretion of the Board to use the press as may best promote this great work.

4. *Resolved*, That the Church confidently anticipates a future of progress in all its interests, and declares that its Board of Foreign Missions is fully authorized to devise discreet, and at the same time liberal things for the furtherance of its work.

5. *Resolved*, That our Mission Fields in all their membership and interests are commended to the covenant care of our Common Head, the Lord Christ, and that we recognize the appeal they now make to us, as coming not from them alone as brethren beloved, nor from mere ties of denominational attachment, but as the call of the Master bidding us preach His Gospel, and pointing us to His promised Millenium.

WM. H. GLEASON, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Domestic Missions presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund, respectfully report :

That the cause of Domestic Missions is not a failure. The Board has supplied with the means of grace, through their missionaries, during the past year, more than five thousand families—to more than six thousand members. Over a thousand souls have been added to the Church. Nearly *seven hundred* of whom have

been gathered from the world. Twelve new Sabbath schools have been organized, 98 conducted, and 154 conversions in those Schools reported ; 95 Missions have been aided, 4 more than last year 3 churches have become self-supporting.

The Missionary Synod of Chicago present as their thank-offering to God and the Church, for the past year, 5 new Churches, and one new Classis.

The Lord has owned the work of the Board ; He has set the seal of His approbation upon their efforts ; God is in the midst of our Missions. A large number of them have been revived, and fourteen of them have been blessed with the converting power and grace of the Holy Spirit, and as a consequence, the work and the fruitage thereof exceed those of former years.

The past year has been to your Missions "a year of the right hand of the Most High." And for *all this* we render our most hearty thanks, to the Great Head of the Church, from whom these blessings come.

And this increase and substantial progress of your Missions are the more remarkable, from the fact that the contributions of the Church have not kept pace with the work, have not increased, but *diminished*. This may be owing in part to the present condition of the country, but probably more to the fact that we commenced the year with more than \$11,000 in the Treasury, which the people were not slow to forget when called upon to make their contributions, consequently we find that nearly \$2,000 less has been paid into the Treasury by the Churches, and more than \$200 less by the Sabbath schools. While it is important that our Boards should be kept from *burdensome* debts, it is questionable whether they should have large balances on hand at the close of the fiscal year.

And yet this aspect of our finances is not so favorable as it seems. For while having \$11,000 in the Treasury there was a cash deficiency in the account of the Church Building Fund amounting to more than \$16,000, which not only absorbed every dollar in the Treasury, but made it necessary to borrow \$6,000 to continue the good work begun.

It is however a cause of gratitude, and an evidence of the wise and skillful management of the Board, that notwithstanding their embarrassments, the Missions have been maintained, and the obligations of the Board been met with all possible promptness.

To carry on the work of the Board according to present plans, not less than \$40,000 are said to be requisite. But little more than one-half of this sum has been contributed by the Churches during the past year, and consequently we enter upon another year with a deficiency of about \$10,000.

Your Committee would most earnestly urge upon the Churches the importance, yea the *necessity*, of greatly increased contributions to this Board and the Church Building Fund.

If we are to continue to grow, and even to *exist* in the not distant future, if we would occupy the field open to us, if we would be obedient to the command "Go up and possess the land," *more* must be done for this cause than has yet been done. Instead of reporting sixteen Churches aided by the Church Building Fund, we ought to report sixty, and instead of four new organizations there ought to be forty.

It is high time for our Church to arise and shine throughout our whole land. With such a history as we have, and such Symbols and such Polity, our Church is *now* and ever *has been* adapted to all nations and governments, and is capable of commanding respect both at home and abroad, of spreading from East to West, and from North to South. We owe it to the Church, and to the State, to ourselves, and to our God, to lift up the standard in every State and Territory, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and in all the chief cities of our beloved land.

While other denominations are putting forth their most strenuous efforts to occupy the field, we ought not to draw back or to be indifferent to our *duty* and *privilege*, but go forward and fulfill our Mission. As some of our Churches have a name to live but are dead, and some are dying, let us plant them in a new soil and infuse new life into them. As multitudes have come and are coming from distant lands to our shores, let us meet them with the Bible and the School, with the Church and the Living Teacher, and with the Bread and Water of Eternal Life, and offer these to them without money and without price.

Let us seek to carry the blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to all who dwell in our land; to the Germans, to the Italians, to the Freedmen, to the Indians, to the Chinese, to those who are thrust upon us and whom we cannot innocently neglect.

The great effort of the Church ought to be to occupy the waste places, or rather the field white for the harvest, and would it not be better that the *chief effort* of the Church should be in this direction, for a few years at least, even if it must be at the expense of other objects equally dear to our hearts, for soon these favorable opportunities will have passed away never to return.

In the name of our God, let us set up our banner, all over this land and without delay.

We are in the midst of a crisis, and if we discern the signs of the times aright, *now*, this present, is the time for *enlargement* and for earnest effort, and for increased contributions to the Lord's Treasury.

To accomplish this work for the benefit of our Country, and our Zion, for the welfare of souls ready to perish, to prevent the rise and increase of Heathenism in our land, and to bring glory to God, this work must not cease, but must greatly *increase* and *abound* more and more day by day.

And if we would reap bountifully, we must also sow bountifully. As we have reason to expect thirty, sixty, and even an hundred fold upon our sowing, we ought to sow beside all waters. The Board of Domestic Missions and the Church Building Fund need such sowing. Therefore your Committee recommend the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions and the Church Building Fund be recommended for the increased liberality, sympathy, and prayer of all our Churches.

2. *Resolved*, That as we are celebrating the Centennial of our National existence, it is *peculiarly fitting* that special efforts be made by the Church for this Board and Fund during this year.

3. *Resolved*, That the sum of \$50,000 be raised for this Board and Fund, as a Thank-offering to God for His goodness to our land, and for the large increase of the number of God's people, and of the spirituality and efficiency of His Church, by the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

4. *Resolved*, That a special collection for Missions be taken in all the Churches on the second Sabbath in October, or as near that time as possible, and also monthly collections for Missions the first Sabbath of each month.

5. *Resolved*, That the importance of this object is specially pressed upon the minds of, and recommended to the men and women of our Church, and particularly to those who have recently been brought into the Kingdom of Christ, and to whom He has given wealth more than others.

6. *Resolved*. That the Board of Missions be directed to employ such other means as may be necessary to secure the object proposed.

Another important agency connected with this Board is the Sabbath school Missionary Superintendent. His report shows for the last four years an *average* gain of 48 per cent., and of members received into the Churches, 62 per cent. over last year. This is certainly very encouraging; what a mighty leverage is this for overturning the powers of darkness, and for lifting men, women and children to peace, and happiness, and Heaven.

It is also an evidence of the advantage of having a Missionary and Superintendent upon the ground, and among the people where the work is to be done. It is desirable that this work should be continued, and that new agencies be employed in other localities for similar work, and this is recommended by your Committee.

Your Committee have considered the subject referred to them from the Particular Synod of Chicago, on *Missions in the West*.

They appeal to the Church, and to the good offices of the General Synod in their behalf, for more prayer, more money, more help and more sympathy. They feel the importance of cultivating the field aright, and of the inadequate means in their possession of securing this end. It is certainly very desirable that what they ask they should obtain, for it is reasonable, and what the Church can bestow. She ought to bear their burdens, and thus alleviate their labors and anxieties so far as it is in her power so to do. Our brethren in the West *see* as perhaps we do not see, and *know* as we do not know the peculiar and pressing need of our Missions there to increase the numbers and strength and efficiency of our Church. They *ask* and they *reiterate* the request that a suitable person be employed as Missionary Superintendent and preacher for our Western field.

The *reason* they assign for this is, that they are separated too far from one another, and too much engaged in their own pledged work to attend to Church extension. They tell us that no one can fully

understand their wants, nor their opportunities for Church Extension, unless they are on the field continually; that opportunities are constantly lost of planting Churches where they would grow and thrive under the fostering care of a Missionary Superintendent and preacher.

If our finances were abundant, the Synod, perhaps, would not hesitate to grant the request. Or if the particular Synod of Chicago would pledge themselves for the whole or a part of the amount needed for the support of said Missionary, it might not deny the petition. Yet in the present state of our finances, and without a pledge from the Particular Synod of Chicago, your Committee are disposed to think favorably of it.

The visit of the Corresponding Secretary of your Board, to many of the Churches, though it was a hurried visit, was of great value to them. How much greater, then, would be the *frequent* visits of one who should dwell among them, and be always ready to counsel with them, subject, however, to the Board already existing.

If, as the Corresponding Secretary said, after this survey of the Mission in the West, "our home work must be provided for," whatever else be done or left undone, and as the Synod of Chicago request this to be done, ought we not at least to consider it well?

The appointment of a Sabbath-school Missionary Superintendent and preacher, shows the *value and efficiency* of having him to dwell among the people he serves. The work in the last four years is proof of the wisdom of such an appointment, and why may it not prove equally successful in Missionary Work?

This is not a *new* departure; and if it were its claims would be no less valid. They do not ask for such an agent to collect money in the East, but to take care of the Church over which he is placed, and to do the work of an Evangelist. In this way, they feel sure of great success.

The greatest objection to this is the want of means to support such an agent. But your Committee feel that if it be *needed* for the welfare of the Church and for the glory of God, it ought to be done—that we having done what we ought to have done, can safely leave the rest with Him. As all hearts are in His hands, we do not know whence enlargement shall come. He may raise up some one we do not know, or put it into some Church to furnish the means, the want

of which causes us to hesitate to do His will. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty." Let us have faith in God, to do the work He has laid upon us, to sow liberally and we will reap liberally. Let us beware of that kind of *economy* which would stop the wheels of God's chariot and slacken His work, and hinder the Church in her onward movements, and give our enemies an advantage over us. To practice such economy is to have less.

Your Committee, therefore, would recommend the following :

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions be advised to appoint and employ a suitable person as Missionary Superintendent and preacher for our Western field.

2. *Resolved*, That those persons going from our Churches and congregations in the East, to live in the vicinity of our Western Churches or Missions, be requested and urged to identify themselves with said Churches or Missions as soon as practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. S. HAGEMAN, *Chairman*.

The following persons were chosen to fill vacancies in the Board of Foreign Missions :

Rev. David Inglis,	Mr. Theo. L. Mason,
" E. P. Terhune,	" D. J. Steward,
" Philip Peltz,	" W. R. Janeway,
" Cor. L. Wells,	" G. P. Reeves.
" James Demarest, Jr.	

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Domestic Missions :

Rev. John H. Duryea,	Rev. Edw. P. Ingersoll,
" Paul D. Van Cleef,	Hon. John A. Lott,
" John A. Todd,	Mr. J. V. D. Hoagland,
" James LeFevre,	" Isaac Wortendyke.

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod to relieve the Second Church of Chicago, was continued for another year.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Four papers have been placed in the hands of your Committee, two having reference to the Disabled Ministers' Fund, and two to the Widows' Fund.

One paper, setting forth the Income Account of the Disabled Ministers' Fund, presents the following items, which will be found of interest: \$1,100.27 have been received from churches and individuals, \$266.70 have been received as interest on the Fund, \$700 have been received as interest on bond and mortgage, and \$2,100 have been received as interest on bequest. The receipts from all sources have been \$4,166.97, which, added to the amount on hand May, 1875 (which amount was \$3,287.21), makes the total amount in the Treasury during the year to have been \$7,454.18. Various appropriations to disabled ministers now living, and to the needy families of those who have died, have been made, amounting to \$3,325.00, \$2,000 have been transferred to the Fund, and \$2,129.18 remain in the Treasury at the present date.

A second paper refers to the Disabled Ministers' Fund itself. In May, 1875, this Fund amounted to \$11,000.00. Since that date two bequests have been received; one, amounting to \$250, from the late Charles Burroughs, the other, amounting to \$5,000, from the late John Clark, \$2,000 have been added to the Fund from the general contributions made by the churches. All these sums bring up the Disabled Ministers' Fund to \$18,250 at the present date.

The other two papers refer to the Widows' Fund: the one setting forth the income thereof, and the other giving particulars respecting the Fund itself. From these papers the following facts are gathered:

Respecting the Income Account, the figures are as follows:

Balance on hand May, 1875.....	\$1,522 40
Interest on Fund from May, 1875, to May, 1876.....	2.800
Cash received from clergymen and annual payments (\$20 each from 20 persons)..<	400

Total amount in Treasury during year \$4,722 40

Paid to those having a claim upon this Fund	\$2,656 01	
Paid to Principal Fund.....	265	
Paid expenses and salary of Treasurer.....	256 08	
Balance on hand.....	1,545 31	
		<hr/> \$4,722 40

Respecting Widows' Fund itself, the following facts appear :

\$1,464.11 have been received from Churches; of this amount, \$1,052.67 were for the general outlay of the Fund and \$411.44 were for the payment of annual dues on the part of Churches in behalf of their respective pastors, these amounts being credited to the Churches in the general offerings to the Fund. A bequest of \$5,000 from the estate of John Clark, New Brunswick, N. J., has been paid to the Fund, and \$265 have been added from the income account. Whence it appears that the Widows' Fund, which one year ago amounted to \$38,631.02, has received during the year from different sources the additional sum of \$6,729.11, thus making the Fund at present date \$45,360.13.

In view of the character of these Funds, and the carefulness with which all matters pertaining thereto are administered; in view of the good which, through their agency, has already been accomplished, and the additional and increasing usefulness of which they are capable; and in view also of the fact that one of the prime duties of Christianity is, not only "to keep itself unspotted from the world," but also "to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction," and also to regard with loving attention and willing assistance those worthy servants of Christ and His Church, who in their prime and power labored in the ministry, but who, by reason of age or disability, are laid aside therefrom,

Be it Resolved, first, That we have cause for rejoicing in the fact that, while the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds have been enabled, during the past year, to render valuable assistance to various families of disabled or departed ministers of the Church, there has been a marked increase in the Funds themselves, which increase gives promise of still greater good for the future.

Resolved, secondly. That this Synod recognize the safe and satisfactory principles upon which these benevolent funds are conducted,

and commend them to the confidence, consideration and charities of the several Churches and Christians under its jurisdiction.

Resolved, thirdly, That the attention of pastors be called to the combined business and benevolent features of the Widows' Fund, which features afford an opportunity to them of making at least a partial provision for themselves (if disabled), their wives and families, by the payment of a small allowance annually to this Fund, which allowance will give them a claim upon the annuities of the Fund.

Resolved, fourthly, That the attention of Churches be called to the advisability of appropriating, out of their contributions to the Widows' Fund, the sum of \$20 annually, to the credit of their respective pastors, which appropriations will secure for such pastors an interest in the Fund, in behalf of their respective families.

Resolved, fifthly, That the example of those who have left legacies to the Funds, be held up for imitation on the part of those members of the Reformed Church who, in making the final disposition of their property, desire to turn some of their fortunes into benevolent channels.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. WALKER JONES, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The Twenty-second Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The Annual Report of the Treasurer was also received and referred to the same Committee.

The Committee on the Board of Publication presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee are glad to be able to consolidate their report on this subject into a small compass. Reduced expenses and sales largely increased show honest effort and new life. Compliment and confidence are evidently due to Mr. Brinkerhoff, the publishing agent, whose short management has been followed by such good results. We only criticise for future correction in the Board's re-

port, the introduction of "Incidentals" of considerable amount, without specifying to what use the money was applied. We endorse the application for a Secretary to do the work of correspondence, at a salary of \$500, if in the judgment of the Board it be found necessary; but we do not at this time consider it expedient to make "The Gospel Sower, after the expiration of the present year, the especial organ of the four Boards of our Church, under the conduct of the Secretaries," one of whom shall be elected each year (by themselves) Editor-in-chief. The plan of co-operation with the Southern Church, in which the Gospel Sower is now circulating, was unanimously adopted by General Synod. The project of a mutual paper, involved in this plan, was not acted upon by the Synod of last year, owing to the condition of the Board. But since it has now been carried into effect, in our judgment it would not do to rupture the agreement before time has been allowed to develop the success or failure of the experiment.

Resolved, With regard to the request of the German ministers to have a copy of the Constitution in German, that it be referred to the Board with power.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. VERMILYE, *Chairman.*

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Publication :

Rev. W. V. V. Mabon,	Mr. Geo. Munro,
" C. R. Blauvelt,	" Edw. L. Nichols,
" J. H. Suydam,	" J. H. Mathews,
" J. B. Drury,	Hon. J. C. Newkirk.

It was *Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed to prepare a critical edition of the Heidelberg Catechism in its English version, and report to the next General Synod.

The following were appointed: Rev. W. H. Campbell, Rev. T. W. Chambers, Rev. C. D. Hartranft, Rev. R. B. Welch, and Rev. William R. Duryee.

Resolved, That Rev. C. D. Hartranft be requested to prepare a full and particular history of the Heidelberg Catechism, and to present the same to the General Synod at his earliest convenience.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The Van Benschoten Bequest was read. The Synod resolved that the hours of meeting should be 9 A. M., 3 P. M. and 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ P. M., and of adjournment, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ P. M.

Rev. C. S. Hageman, Rev. Thomas W. Jones, and Elder Theodore Sturges were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The afternoon of the first day of the session, after the organization of Synod, was spent in devotional exercises, and also the first half hour of every morning session.

On the afternoon of the second day, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The President conducted the services and read the form. Prayer was offered by Rev. M. S. Hutton. Rev. David Inglis distributed the bread, and Rev. W. H. Gleason the wine. Elders Rossman, Sturges, Hees, Schieffelin, Heath and Lott assisted in the distribution.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a minute expressing the views of this General Synod upon the observance of the Lord's day in the International Centennial Exposition, which is now in progress in Philadelphia.

The following were appointed: Revs. W. J. R. Taylor, M. S. Hutton, David Inglis, and Elders James Anderson and Allen Rossman.

The Committee presented the following paper, which was unanimously adopted

The Special Committee on the Sabbath in the Centennial, respectfully report the following:

Resolved, That recognizing the hand of God in our National prosperity, and desiring to express our thanksgiving to Him for it, we are anxious that in the manner of its expression, we should not ignore the holy day He calls His own; and to the observance of which we, in no small degree, ascribe that prosperity. We believe that if we honor Him, He will continue to honor us.

Resolved, That the Synod have learned with great satisfaction, the decision of the United States Centennial Commission, to close the International Exposition on the Sabbath day.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Synod, the highest moral and civic interests of the nation will be promoted by a firm adherence to the decision of the Commission, which conforms to the laws of most of the States, with the terms of the cession of the Exhibition grounds to the United States Government, with the rights of thousands of exhibitors and employees to the rest and recreation of the Lord's day, with the express understanding of many exhibitors that the Sabbath should not be violated by throwing the buildings open to the public, and with the general religious sentiment and habits of the Christian people of the whole land, in favor of the observance of the Lord's day.

Resolved, That this Synod, representing nearly five hundred Churches and seventy-five thousand communicants, and as many families, respectfully appeals to the Commissioners to maintain their righteous stand upon this subject, and that we pledge them the moral support of our entire communion in resisting all demands for the public desecration of the Day of days, a desecration which would dim the glory of the International Exhibition, and would expose us to the world as a people who have neither the virtue nor the courage to sustain an institution which has given us so great preeminence over nations that do not "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy"

Resolved, That an official copy of this action, duly signed by the President and Stated Clerk, be transmitted to the President of the Centennial Commission, with a request that it be presented by him to that body at its next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman*.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on devotional exercises, together with the pastor of this Church, be a Committee on supplies for the pulpits of this city on the next Lord's day.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Synod would be gratified at receiving a visit from the Hon. A. Bruyn Hasbrouck, LL.D., formerly President of Rutgers College, at such time as may be agreeable to him.

A Committee consisting of Revs. G. H. Mandeville, W. V. V. Mabon, and Elder William H. Kirk, was appointed to convey this resolution to Dr. Hasbrouck, who replied that he would be happy to visit the Synod on Wednesday afternoon, June 16th. He came at the appointed time, the members rising to receive him, and was welcomed by the President in a brief address, to which he responded, giving expression to his high appreciation of the consideration shown him by the Synod.

By invitation from Augustus H. Bruyn, Esq., and his sister, Mrs. Forsyth, the Synod attended a reception at their house on Tuesday evening, June 15th.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 16th, Domestic Missions, and on the evening of the same day Foreign Missions were made the special subjects of consideration, when addresses were delivered by the Secretaries, Missionaries and others.

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod on the subject of Centennial discourses presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod to arrange a series of Centennial discourses respectfully report, that they have performed the duty to which they were called. It was a difficult and delicate matter to choose the person best fitted by position, character, and association for treating the topics assigned; and the Committee are by no means sure that they did not make some mistakes. Yet, using their best judgment, they made out the list, a copy of which is appended to this report. They believe that with one exception every preacher has delivered his discourse at least once, and most of them several times, and so far as we can learn, to general acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. CHAMBERS, *Chairman.*

CENTENNIAL DISCOURSES.—R. C. A.

I. The Relations of Religion to Civil Liberty: Rev. R. W. Clark, D.D., Albany, N. Y.

II. The points of similarity between the Struggle for Independence here and that of our Holland Ancestors: Rev. A. R. Thompson, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

III. The Character and Development of our Church in the Colonial Period: Rev. E. T. Corwin, D.D., Millstone, N. J.

IV. The Posture of its Ministers and People during the Revolution: Rev. J. A. Todd, D.D., Tarrytown, N. Y.

V. The Huguenot Element among the Dutch: Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., Schenectady, N. Y.

VI. The Literature of the Church during the last Hundred Years: Rev. E. S. Porter, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

VII. The Lessons of the Century to the Laity: Rev. J. McClellan Holmes, D.D., Hudson, N. Y.

VIII. The peculiar History of the Church in relation to Theological Education: Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D.D., Newark, N. J.

IX. Its Hereditary Interest in all forms of Education, Collegiate and Common: Prof. R. Bethune Welch, D.D., LL.D., Schenectady, N. Y.

X. Its Type of Doctrine as represented by the Symbols of Heidelberg and Dordrecht: Rev. A. P. Van Gieson, D.D., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

XI. Its System of Catechetical Instruction: Rev. W. H. Campbell, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J.

XII. Its Influence in preserving Soundness of Faith: Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D., New York.

XIII. Its immovable Attachment to its own Heirlooms of Faith and Order: Rev. J. B. Thompson, D.D., Catskill, N. Y.

XIV. Its Catholic Spirit toward all other Christians: Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, D.D., Jersey City, N. J.

XV. The Resemblance of its Policy to that of our own Country: Rev. W. H. Gleason, Newburgh, N. Y.

XVI. Its Liturgical Features and Spirit: Rev. D. D. Demarest, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J.

XVII. The Bearing of the Peculiarities of our Church upon Character and Citizenship: Rev. C. H. Edgar, D.D., Easton, Pa.

XVIII. Its Missionary Work at Home: Prof. Charles Scott, D.D., Holland, Mich.

XIX. Its Missionary Work Abroad: Rev. W. Rankin Duryee, Jersey City, N. J.

XX. Its Duty in the Future as foreshown by its course in the Past: Rev. James Demarest, Jr., Kingston, N. Y.

XXI. The Adaptations of the Church to the American Character: Rev. T. B. Romeyn, D.D., Hackensack, N. J.

XXII. The Importance of Cherishing a Historic Spirit: Rev. C. D. Hartranft, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and the Committee discharged.

A Committee consisting of Revs. T. W. Chambers, E. T. Corwin, and Elder James Anderson, was appointed to procure the printing and publishing of these discourses if found practicable.

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod for the purpose of procuring the enactment of such laws as in their judgment shall be necessary for the protection of church property, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee appointed June, 1875, "for the purpose of procuring the enactment of such laws as in their judgment shall be necessary for the protection of Church property," report the following Acts passed by the Legislature of the State of New York, 1876. See Chapter 110 and 176, as follows:

LAWS OF NEW YORK.—By Authority.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall commence and take effect throughout the State, on and not before the twentieth day after the day of its final passage, as certified by the Secretary of State. Sec. 12, title 4, chap. 7, part 1. Revised Statutes.]

CHAPTER 110.

An Act supplemental to chapter sixty of the Laws of eighteen hundred and thirteen, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of religious societies," and of the several acts amendatory thereof.

Passed April 11, 1876.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any diocesan convention, presbytery, classis, synod, annual conference, or other governing body having jurisdiction over a number of churches, congregations or societies of any church or religious denomination in this State, now or hereafter to be constituted or established, and not already incorporated, at any stated meeting thereof, by a plurality of voices, to elect any number of discreet persons, not less than three nor exceeding nine in number, as trustees to take charge of the estate and property belonging thereto, and to transact all affairs relating to the temporalities thereof. The presiding officer and clerk of such governing body shall immediately thereafter certify, under their hands and seals, the names of the persons elected as trustees as aforesaid, in which certificate the name or title by which the said trustees and their successors shall be known, shall be particularly mentioned, which said certificate, being duly acknowledged by the said presiding officer and clerk, shall be recorded by the clerk of one of the counties situated in whole or in part, within the bounds of the jurisdiction of such governing body, or in the book kept for the record of religious corporations ; and such trustees and their successors shall thereupon, by virtue of this act, be a body corporate, by the name or title expressed in such certificate.

§ 2. Such trustees shall be capable of taking for religious, educational and charitable purposes, by gift, devise, bequest, grant or purchase, and of holding and disposing of the same, any real and personal estate held for the benefit of any such governing body, or of any parish, congregation, society, church, chapel, mission, religious, benevolent, charitable or educational institution, existing, or acting under such governing body at the time of their election, or which had then or may thereafter be given for any such purposes, provided that the net yearly income received from the said property shall not at such time exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

§ 3. Whenever any parish, church, congregation or religious society in connection with any such governing body shall become extinct by reason of the death or removal of its members, it shall be lawful for the trustees elected by such body as aforesaid to

take possession of the temporalities and property belonging to such extinct church or organization, and manage and dispose of the same, and apply the proceeds thereof to any of the objects mentioned in the second section of this act.

§ 4. The trustees elected by virtue of this act shall hold their offices at the pleasure of the governing body by whom they are elected, and all vacancies shall be filled by such body as they occur.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State. } ss. :

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original law.

JOHN BIGELOW, *Secretary of State.*

CHAP. 176.

AN ACT supplementary to chapter sixty of the laws of eighteen hundred and thirteen, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of religious societies, and the acts supplementary thereto."

PASSED April 26, 1876.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The rector, wardens and vestrymen or, the trustees, consistory or session of any church, congregation or religious society, incorporated under any of the laws of this State, shall administer the temporalities thereof and hold and apply the estate and property belonging thereto, and the revenues of the same, for the benefit of such corporation according to the rules and usages of the church or denomination to which said corporation shall belong; and it shall not be lawful to divert such estate, property or revenue to any purpose, except the support and maintenance of any church or religious or benevolent institution or object connected with the church or denomination to which such corporation shall belong.

§ 2. Each and every of the corporations aforesaid may receive, use and apply all rents and income derived from pews of their respective churches, in addition to the annual income limited by any statute now in force relating thereto.

§ 3. Any two or more of the corporations aforesaid, are hereby authorized to unite and consolidate themselves into a single corporation of the denomination to which at least one of such corporations shall belong, in the manner following: The said corporations may enter into an agreement under their respective corporate seals for the union and consolidation of the said corporations, setting forth the terms and conditions thereof, the name of the proposed new corporation, the church or denomination to which it shall belong, the names of the persons who shall be the church wardens and vestrymen, or elders and deacons, or trustees or other officers, as the case may be, until the first annual election of the proposed new corporation, and fixing the day of such election. But in the case of Protestant Episcopal churches, no such agreement shall be valid unless approved by the bishop and standing committee of the diocese in which such churches are situated. Each of the said corporations may make its separate petition to the Supreme Court, in the judicial district in which such corporations are situated, for an order for such union and consolidation, setting forth in such petition the reasons for such union and consolidation, the agreement made as hereinbefore provided, and a statement of all of its property, real and personal, all its debts and liabilities, and the amount and sources of its annual income. Upon such petition from each of such corporations so proposing to be united and consolidated, and upon the said agreement, satisfactorily proved or certified, the Supreme Court may, in case it shall deem it proper, make an order for the union and consolidation of such corporations, determining all the terms, conditions and provisions thereof. All parties interested therein may be heard on such petition. When such order is made and entered, according to the practice of the court, the said corporations shall be united and consolidated into one corporation, by the name designated in the order; and it shall have all the rights and powers, and be subject to all the obligations of religious corporations under the act to which this is supplementary and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

§ 4. And thereupon all the estate, rights and property, of whatsoever nature, belonging to either of said corporations, shall without further act or deed, be vested in and transferred to the new corporation as effectually as they were vested in or belonged to the former corporations, and the said new corporation shall be liable for all the debts and liabilities of the former corporations, in the same manner and as effectually as if said debts or liabilities had been contracted or incurred by it.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Secretary of State. } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law,

JOHN BIGELOW.

Secretary of State

Your Committee think that these two enactments contain several points of importance to the Church. There are others that may be worthy of attention hereafter.

It is with deep sorrow that your Committee are called upon further to report that one of their number, Jacob B. Jewett, has by Divine Providence, been removed by death.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ANDERSON.

D. P. INGRAHAM.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

A sermon on behalf of the benevolent operations of the Church was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session, by Rev. R. B. Welch, D.D., from 2d Cor. 1: 20, "For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."

Rev. J. Howard Suydam was chosen *Primarius*, and Rev. James Demarest, Jr., *Secundus*, to preach the sermon on benevolence before the next General Synod.

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Contributions made during the year ending April 30, 1876, by the several Churches, to the (denominational) Boards and Funds recommended by General Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each Church, whether by church collections or otherwise.

[See Synod Proceedings, June, 1862, p. 212.]

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
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First Albany		616 54	1811 54	44 80			
Second Albany		219 10	647 14				50
Third Albany							
Fourth Albany	14		25				
Holland Albany	19	26	10				
Second Berne		15 50	25				
First Bethlehem	43	30	100				
Second Bethlehem		32 05	58 90				
Clarksville			10				
Coeymans	24 90	9 53	75 97	5 28			
Jerusalem	7 55	4 45	6 09	5 02	2 18	2 19	6 76
Knox		18	28				
New Baltimore	16 71	10 74	179 18	6 20			
New Salem	18		40				
Onisquethaw	2 85	3 80	4 66	83	1 16	1 17	1 50
Union							
Westerlo		17 14	25				
Classis of Bergen.							
English Neighborhood		18	72	2	20	9	
First Hackensack		175	915				
Schraalenberg	13 29	57 08	34 54	95 65	19 25		
New Durham		38 50	109 11				11 44
First Hoboken		4 32	4 32				
Third Jersey City		34 53	163 07		37 82		
North Bergen			10				
Second Hackensack			9 70				
German, Hoboken		19 89	21 62	8 37			
German, Hackensack		15					
Closter City		24					
Palisades		4					
Guttenberg							
Central Ave. J. C. Heights	13 30	5 25	8 75				
S. Classis of Bergen.							
Bergen	20 40	155 94	600 10	21			81 29
First Jersey City		41 50					
First Bayonne	5	7 02	28 15	6 75			
First Van Vorst	21 75	50	110 25	65 60			24 10
Bergen Point							
Second Hudson City	16 10	32 74	18 71				
Lafayette	30	199 94	360 53	20	18	22	120
West End			2 84				
Greenville							

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S. Classis of Bergen.							
CONTINUED.							
Free Jersey City.....		10 30	25 61				
Third Bayonne.....							
South Bergen.....	10	51	57 23				10 75
Classis of Cayuga.							
Canastota.....							
Chittenango.....	24 34	56 10	69 29	10 93		5 29	6 81
Cicero.....		6 60	7 37				
Lysander.....	2 10	5	2 85	1 03	2 18		2 30
Naumburg.....		85					
New Bremen.....		5					
Owasco.....			50			1	2 50
Owasco Outlet.....		60 73	122 26			12 17	16 15
Syracuse.....		54					
Thousand Isles.....		407 15	606 01		120 35	54 92	
Utica.....	57 98	7 50	7 50				
West Leyden.....							
Cl. of Grand River.							
Detroit.....		8					
Fremont Centre.....	5						
1st Grand Haven.....	122 16						
2d Grand Haven.....	71 97		19 67				
2d Grand Rapids.....	494 68	50					
Grandville.....	57 50	29					60
Kalamazoo.....	257 72	17 04	30 28				
Muskegon.....	86 33	18 40	60				31
Polkton.....	31 90	10					
South Haven.....							
Spring Lake.....	60 88	26 58	11 75	10 75			9
3d Grand Rapids.....	18 92	8 60					
4th Grand Rapids.....	25 80	8 40					
Twin Lakes.....	6 60						
Classis of Geneva.							
Arcadia.....							
Buffalo.....							
Cato.....			22 50				
Cleveland.....	23 50	10					
Caroline.....							
Clymer.....	28	4	19				
Dunkirk.....							
East Williamson.....	25	10	15				
Fair Haven.....	13	18	50	10 90			
Farmer Village.....		35	75				
Geneva.....	36 68	45 17	36 45	33 76			
Ithaca.....							
Lodi.....	16 41	73 20	98 48	9 97		7	11 44
Marion.....	23	18	13	5 08			15
Mina Corners.....	10	7 50	23 75				
Pultneyville.....	13	113 28	1				6
Rochester.....	20	25	57 25	22			
Tyre.....	7		26 41		3 20		
Clymer Village.....							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Greene.							
First Athens	25	95 02	45				
Second Athens							
Catskill	55		87 38				
First Coxsackie	18 20	23	78 55				10
Second Coxsackie	22 55	76 07	108 08	7 38			
Kiskatom	6	27	36 69	5 25			
Leeds		27	90		20		
Mooresville and Gilboa ..							
Prattsville			13 50				
Roxbury			25 88				
Classis of Holland.							
Beaverdam	58 25	20					
Drenthe	48 91						
Ebenezer	153 50	6 60	7	5			
Fynaart	46 21						
Graafschap	76 74	4	10				
1st Holland	874 89						
8d Holland	112 93	12 44	50 55				
James town	56 88	18					
North Holland	178 20						86
Overyssel	288 53	21 05	28 28	13 47			
East Overyssel	9 65						
Rotterdam	5			3 60			
Sangatuck	20	10					
Vriesland	208 35	28 54	82 66	7 42			
Zabriskie Memorial							
Zeeland	485 45	38 80			27 85		
Classis of Hudson.							
Hudson	48 92	451 08	579 94	26 50	21 14	21 14	38 72
First Claverack	15	5 65	161 27	10		4 38	10
Second Claverack	25	22 45	116 38		7	6 60	10
Linlithgow	16	4	11				
Greenport			122 75				
Germantown	7 50		46 28		3 25	3 25	10 05
Upper Red Hook	9 82	14 04	172 10				6 56
Taghkanic			48				
Greenbush	10	15	86 20				
Livingston of Linlithgo ..							
Classis of Illinois.							
Fair View	11		125		20 12		17
Pekin							5 30
Spring Lake		40					18
Raritan		30 50	98	12			14 47
Bushnell	4 50	18 60	55 15		3 70	10 65	4 95
Davenport			14 25				
First Pella	49	15 25	46 30		20	10 20	
Havana							
Second Pella	3 93	5 38		7 35	7		
Bethel	12						
1 eyden Centre		22					
Third Pella							
Fourth Pella	2 50						
Am. Ref., Chicago							
Otley							
Orange City							

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Classis of Illinois.							
CONTINUED.							
Norris			5				
Norwood Park							1 60
Somerset							
Irving Park		15 63	15 64				
Parkersburg		10					
Second Pekin							5 30
Sand Ridge		3 60					
Classis of Kingston.							
Bloomington		11 50	30 50				
The Clove	38 07	44 22	113 77	25 71			
Dashville Falls		1 40	1 20				
Guilford	9	33	20 75	7 50			
Hurley	13 18	50 90	76 42	5			7
North Ch. Marbletown	3 20	22 50	33 78	2			1 50
Second Kingston		105 63	184 76		20		
Marbletown	6	11 54	38 24	7 03			
New Paltz	87 48	39 49	327 67	2	20	3 74	17 39
Rochester			30 47	4			
Rosendale							
St. Remy							
N. Classis of L. Isl'd.							
Jamaica	38 10	37 75	51 62	26 08	18 97	18 98	53 94
Newtown	25 88	30 57	566 18	10	19 81	10 82	
Oyster Bay	15 35	27 12	40 98	12 89			12 27
North Hempstead	20	30 60					
Williamsburg		20 35	42 10				
Astoria	29 90	95 41	237 50	30	12 25	12 25	20
Flushing	23	13	59 24	12			
Greenpoint	51 71	51 14	117 28			20	
South Bushwick			24				
Second Astoria							
East Williamsburg	10 67	11 25	40 52				
Second Newtown	4 50	1 51		1			
Queens	17 15	16	33 18				
Ger. Ev., Brooklyn	15	10	14 25		3	2	
Sayville	3	3 50	3 50	2 75	2 75	2 35	2 60
Locust Valley	14 82	2	20 51		7 26	7 26	
College Point							
St. John's Laurel Hill							
First Ref. L. I. City							
Jericho		40 75					
S. Classis of L. Isl'd.							
Brooklyn	130 80	1441 30	2411 29		47 19	47 20	
Flatbush	1252 25	602 50	1181 48	42 07	22 47	22 48	158 30
Flatbush Mission							
New Utrecht	26 28	292 16	286 73		20		16 62
Gravesend	16	38 50	43 70		5 60	5 60	22 50
Flatlands	52 16	209 06	94 92	36 95	10	5 62	10 22
New Lots	8 62	26	113 84	22 17	6 55	6 55	
East New York	7 16		89 80	42 38	5 62	5 62	
South Brooklyn	9 78	14 91	17 17	11 57	6 60	6 59	22 52
Middle Brooklyn		70 62		56 96			
Twelfth Street	19 91	137 78	54 54	24 18			20 89
Church on the Heights	462 52	988 58	2217 63	155 33			100 01
New Brooklyn	5	15	23	5			
East Brooklyn							
Rockville Centre							
Second Flatbush		2 61		2 45			

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Michigan.							
Battle Creek	17	19 93	43				10
Centerville	10		28				15
Constantine	4 31	17 55	33 91				
Grand Rapids	7 66	32 72	30	1 75			
Hope		2	19				
Macon							
Porter		10	5 50	15	1 50	1 40	40 35
South Bend		3 40	12 20				
South Macon							
Classis of Menmouth.							
First Freehold		41 25	44 18	20			
Second Freehold	30 25	92 37	116	23 86	9 50	9 50	16 47
Holmes	50 25	83 70	116	10		13 28	
Spotswood		1					
Middletown	8	17	25				
Keyport		46 25	24 25				
Long Branch	9 66	10	10		5	5	
Colt's Neck		15	35				10
Highlands							
Cl. of Montgomery.							
Auriesville			20	10 71	7 10	10	13 07
Canajoharie							
Columbia							
Currytown	7	27 81	34 47				10 65
Ephratah	8		10				
Florida	13 02	17	61 91				
Fonda	56	237 20	248 35	8	10	10	55
Fort Plain	75	82 63	85 52			33 47	
Fort Herkimer							
Fultonville	21 25	49 20	52 45	37	11 17	13 65	12 25
Glen			70				
Hagaman's Mills	11 56	21 76	21 90	7 70			
Henderson							
Herkimer		17	69 04				
Indian Castle							
Manheim		10	13 50				
Mapletown	9 20	7 85	5	7 75			
Mohawk	50	21 28	13 33				
Port Jackson	7 25	12 75	8	4 50			
St. Johnsville		46 70	44 54				
Stone Arabia	5 37		10 25				15
Spraker's Basin							
Classis of Newark.							
Belleville	27 25	44 10	219 23	25			
First Newark		58 73	545 04				36 85
Irvington							
Second Newark		97 71	134 65	19	5 07	5 08	11 64
Franklin		6 80					
North Newark	119 79	745 36	1514 12			32 25	119 95
West Newark							
Clinton Avenue, Newark	86 12		222				
East Reformed Newark							
Linden							
Woodside							
Stone House Plains		52	20				

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
C. of New Brunswick.							
First New Brunswick	133 56	331 25	913 20	79 46	20	20	42
Six Mile Run	24	162 88	184 75	33 10	12	9 25	20 30
Hillsborough	16 55	78 64	144 04				
Middlebury	37 32	1100	244 73	11 32			
Griggstown	12 12	60 37	115 01	5 06			
Second New Brunswick	31 72	61 12	507 60	35 94			28 89
Bound Brook		24 61	24 60	40 95			
Third New Brunswick			52				
East Millstone	22 73	10 78	26 89	10 89			
Metuchen		29 48	48				
Classis of New York.							
Collegiate, New York	2622 18	1373 73	4043 64	207 14	248 74	248 74	471 74
Harlem	86 41	100 57	183 24	22 26		21 55	18 77
South Ch. New York	220 41	193 54	2006 89				
Staten Island		20	185		10	35	
Bloomington							
Madison Avenue			20				
Thirty-Fourth Street	28 26	75 48	50 31	21 63	16 12	15	35 16
German Evan Mission		50	400 50	20	20	10	25
Saint Paul's							
Richmond, S. I.		18 52	15				
Mott Haven			117 53				
H. guenots, S. I.		49 61	13 52				
Fourth German		54	9				
Prospect Hill	20	90	75				
Holland, N. Y.		7 52		5 50			
Brookfield, Co. n							
Ave. B. Ger. Evangelical							
Union, High Bridge		26 68	60 28				
Mattoax and Amelia C. H.							
S. Cl. of New York.							
Brighton Heights	18 45	17 27	28 80	12 56	11 29		
Washington Square	200				25	25	
Bushwick		18 82					
Union Ref. 6th Avenue	21 75	34 30	9	13 25			
Ger. R. f. Norfolk St.			50				
North Brooklyn							
Classis of Orange.							
Berea	8	20	15	8	4	4	8
Bloomington	16 77	8	11				
Callicoon		5 15	5				
Claryville							
Cuddebackville	6		12 10				5
Deerpark	91 50	329 22	432 22	5		18 85	40
Ellenville		123 92	143 43				
Fallsburgh		6 34	20 64		5 64	2 36	
Fremont							
Grahamville							
Jeffersonville							
Kerhonkson		12	5				
Mamakating		3 60					
Minnisink		6					
Montgomery	42 71	305 11	600	22 64	5 34	5 34	
Newburgh		38 30	278 60				
New Hurley			35 25	35			
New Prospect	6	10 06	8 64	6 50		4 25	5 50
North Branch				10 65			
Shawangunk	9	15 32	21 34	9			10
Walden	50 16	72 87	110	25			

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Classis of Orange.							
CONTINUED.							
Wallkill Valley	8 27	21 65	31 68	5 75			
Walpack, (Lower).....	11 10	13 02	10 64	9 68			
Walpack, (Upper).....							
Wawarsing.....	15	25	65 94			14 25	
Classis of Paramus.							
Acquackanonck.....	50	100	448 80	20	30		
Broadway, Paterson.....	199 42	79 87	123 36	9			
Clarkstown.....	15	189 15	210 39	52 35			10
First Holland, Paterson.....	3 64	4 26	3 56		30		
Holland, Hohokus.....				3			
Holland, Lodi.....							
Holland, Passaic.....							
North Passaic.....		24 61	125 60				
Nyack.....	36 99	177 98	550 81	58 53	32 75	27 75	21 46
Paramus.....	20 51	131 26	164 80			14	
Pascack.....	7 80	7 25	10 60				
Piermont.....	25	98	98				15
Ramapo.....							
Saddle River.....	6	7 50		5			
Second Totowa.....	35 50	115	154 70	18			32
Spring Valley.....		16 50	17	5			
Tappan.....	16 02	33 50	43 81				
Warwick.....	25	56 50	61 95				
West New Hempstead.....	4 40	42 43	66 73	4 15			4 96
Ramseys.....							
Ridgewood.....							
Classis of Passaic.							
Boardville.....	12	10	10				
Boonton.....							
Fairfield.....	10	10	30		20		
Little Falls.....							
Montville.....		25	58 25				
Sixth Paterson Holland.....		10	7				
Pompton Plains.....		40	58 50				
Pompton.....	37 87	56 05	80	10 15			14 42
Ponds.....	7		7				
Preakness.....	6 66		36 23				
First Totowa Paterson.....	41	65 60	125 87	10 50			
Wyckoff.....	13 25	38 90	68 60	5 25	4	4	7 50
Stone House Plains.....	20						
Classis of Philad'a.							
Harlingen.....	8 53	58 05	53 25				
Readington.....	102	122 40	10	59 58	35 87	15 88	
Neshanic.....		113 40	134 17				
First Philadelphia.....	25	14 50	258 88				
Second Philadelphia.....	32 50	43 71	153 30				
Third Philadelphia.....			25				
Fourth Philadelphia.....		105	105				
Fifth Philadelphia.....							
N. and S. Hampton.....		54 63	191 09	16 92			7
Blawenburgh.....	20 52	113 15	100 91				
Stanton.....							
Rocky Hill.....	2 51	42	128 80	5 31	1 92	91	4 59
Clover Hill.....	15	13 37	23 51	13 50			
Addisville.....	22 29	38 91	40 62	37 30	20		
Three Bridges.....	7 35	6					

CHURCHES.	Education	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Poughkeepsie.							
First Poughkeepsie	78 36	90	354 32	.....	43 31		
Second Poughkeepsie.....	34 27	73 95	190 25	.....	14 88	14 89	38 47
Fishkill		20	58 41				
Hopewell	9 04	25 60	186 95		10	10	16 12
New Hackensack	23 30	22	49 04	5 50			
Rhinebeck		108 66	108 65				
Fishkill-on-Hudson.....	150	130 46	154 13				
Hude Park		4 44	56 68				
Glenham			90 30				
Cold Spring							
Millbrook	12 50	61 36	259 51				12 50
Classis of Raritan.							
First Raritan.		57	125 33				
Bedminster.	58 81	83	164 65				47 41
Lebanon.		17 88	61 40				
Rockaway	10	42 60	83 60	7 50			
North Branch.	12 88	30	30				
Second Raritan	82 90	77 92	140	26 25			
Peapack	10 75	16 77	17 65	6			
Branchville	50	43	165 28				5
Third Raritan.	16 85	208 60	331 22	17 30			30 21
Easton		61 21	284 53				41 39
Plainfield		10					
Central Plainfield.							
Portersville.		29 94	22 28				
High Bridge		25 71			6 52		
Clinton Station.							
Wilcox							
Classis of Rensselaer.							
Blooming Grove.....	9 84	10 40	17	4	5 85	5 85	
Castleton	40	42 01	60				
Chatham	10 22	19 41	357 98	4 65			
First Ghent	10	15	100	5 50			15
Second Ghent.....	6	7	77 85				
Greenbush	15 41	58 50	79 60				
Kinderhook.....	55 30	252 79	952 62	34 17			155
Nassau	44 25	55 70	141 34				
New Concord.....							
Schoelack	6 75						
Schoelack Landing.....	10	33 50	16 30				
Stuyvesant	3 31	9 72	180 35	4 46	8 78	6 58	5 17
Stuyvesant Falls.....			8				
Classis of Saratoga.							
Boght							
Buskirk			23				
Cohoes		80	73 65				
Easton					1 75		
Fort Miller.....		7 30	15				
Gansevoort							5
Northumberland.....							
Rensselaer							
Saratoga	19 35	100	103 90				
Schaghticoke			4 11				
Union Village.....	42 66	39 50	34 53				
West Troy.....	19 33	93 79	110 59				
S. Church, West Troy....	40 62	79 83	185 31	12 66			
Wynantskill		16	17				

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Cl. of Schenectady.							
First Schenectady		44 55	72				
Second Schenectady			16				
First Glenville	25	180	119	15	10	10	29
Second Glenville		10 35	8 02			1 80	70
First Rotterdam	13 50	15	19		9 50		
Second Rotterdam							
Helderberg	5	10	10	5	5		5
Nishayuna	19 18	20 18	65 63	12 74	6		9 47
Lisha's Kill	54 27	54 27	79 92	36 15	17 50		27 16
Amity		44 13	29 63				
Princetown	25 82	12	28 62				
Cranesville	1 50			1 50			
Classis of Schoharie.							
Schoharie							
Middleburgh	11 44	12 05	68 39				4 06
Gallopville	2		8		20		
Berne		54	60	15 15			
Beaver Dam		18 17					
Lawyerville		30	25				
Schoharie Mountain							
North Blenheim			5				
Breakabin							
Sharon			35				
Gilboa							
Eminence							
Classis of Ulster							
Blue Mountains	8 80		12 56	8 15			
Caatsban	17	44 52	102 50	10 10			
Esopus			6				
Flatbush			12				
Kingston	2 94	98 92	461 25	52 25	17 81	17 82	37 39
North Esopus		21					
Plattekill	9 26	13	32 62		5 43		
Saugerties	148 69	91 36	263 55		18 97	18 97	
Shokan	4						
Shandaken	4		2				
West Hurley			6 50				
Woodstock	7 50		7				
Wiltwyck	5	3 65	93 80				
Cl. of Westchester.							
Bronxville	45 10	23 10	134 12				
Courtlandtown		7					
Fordham							
Greenburg							
Greenville							
Hastings	27	51 19	77 88	36 22			
Melrose							
Mount Vernon	48 76	98 64	174 15		17 48	17 48	18 13
Peekskill		64 30	57				
Tarrytown, First		54					
Tarrytown, Second			88 35				
Unionville	11 15	12	15	8			
West Farms		116 36	74				29
Yonkers	34	73 22	237 39		30	19	

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Cl. of Wisconsin.							
Alto	117 46		88 45				
Bethlehem	50 50						
Danforth	8 50	11 50					
Chicago	93 15	16 45					18 50
Franklin	82		45				
Forreston							
Fulton	44 75		23 30				
Gibbsville	141 70			10			7 80
Greenleaf	71 17	10 16	18 78				
Holland, Wis.	78 45		20				
High Prairie	100						
Holland, Neb.	45 26	15	3 55				14 85
Milwaukee	90 22	12					
Oostburg	25 84						8 40
Peoria		10 60					
Ebenezer Church		13 25					
South Holland	120 27	25		10	20		
Silver Creek		21	97 81				
Sheboygan Falls	56 90						
2d Ref. Ch , Neb.							
Two Rivers							
Randolph Centre.	25						
Calumet	100						

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

The Stated Clerk presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Stated Clerk would respectfully report, that in obedience to the instructions of the General Synod of 1874, he has, with the assistance of the Permanent Clerk, removed the books and papers of the Synod to the fire-proof Library building at New Brunswick. Mr. Gardner A. Sage, with wise and generous forethought, provided in the plan of the Hall that bears his name, a room perfectly secure, and ample for all the Synod's wants, which he has fitted up with shelves and other appurtenances, for the proper arrangement and deposit of the Synod's Archives. The papers have been overhauled and stored in compartments according to their dates. We are sorry to find that many old papers have no dates. We have to report also that the original Minutes of several sessions of the General Synod are wanting. Publications referred to in the Minutes of Synod as having been presented to the Synod from time to time cannot be found. The papers of Synod have been packed and unpacked, and removed from place to place so often during several years past that we fear some of them have been lost. The Archives were in a deplorable condition, perfectly confused, permeated with the dust of years, and only partially preserved. This is not owing to the carelessness of former Stated Clerks, evidences of whose system and care in arranging papers are manifest, but to the fact that the Archives have never been deposited in a safe place, and that they have been mixed up with other less valuable papers whose fate they have shared.

There are found, among the General Synod's papers, old Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York. and fragments of the Minutes of some of the Classes. It has occurred to the Stated

Clerk that it would be well for the General Synod to request the Particular Synods, and perhaps the Classes also to deposit their volumes of Minutes when filled, and no longer required for frequent reference, in the Synod's fire-proof room.

The Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions have papers deposited in this room, and it would seem proper that the important documents of the several Boards might very appropriately be placed for safe keeping in the same secure repository. It is the intention of the Stated Clerk to complete the arrangement of the Archives as soon as practicable, and also to endeavor to recover as many as possible of the missing papers and documents.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

The following resolutions were also adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Stated and Permanent Clerks for their attention to this matter, and that they be requested to continue their labors.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to make a list of the records and papers which belong to the Archives, which information may be derived from the Minutes of the General Synod and other sources, and thus ascertain what records and papers may be missing.

Resolved, That the Synod hereby offer to the Particular Synods, the Classes, and any of our Churches who may wish it, a place in the Archives of the Synod in the Sage Library building for any documents which may require to be safely preserved.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee on accounts would report as follows :—

There are present from the Particular Synod of Chicago, at General Synod, fifteen delegates, who are entitled to traveling expenses by the rule of General Synod.

Three from the Classis of Michigan,	\$28 each..	\$84
Four " " Illinois	27 "	.. 108
Three " " Holland	28 "	.. 84
Three " " Wisconsin	32 "	.. 96
Two " " Grand River	28 "	.. 56
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		\$428

Your Committee recommend the payment of the above amounts.

Your Committee also recommend the payment of the following bills, which have been presented :

Bill for printing rolls.....	\$13
Doorkeeper's bill.....	25

Respectfully submitted,

M. KIEKINTVELD, *Chairman.*

Mr. F. S. Wynkoop having declined to present a bill for stationery furnished to the Synod, the thanks of Synod were returned to Mr. Wynkoop.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1,400 copies of the Minutes of the Synod, and that the price of each copy be printed on the cover.

It was unanimously

Resolved, That the General Synod now closing its session, returns hearty thanks to the Pastor and Consistory of the 2d Reformed Church of Kingston, for the use of their edifice, and for their unremitted efforts to promote the comfort and convenience of the Synod.

Resolved, That we acknowledge the Christian hospitality of the citizens of Kingston, who welcomed us so cordially upon our coming a week ago, who have entertained us so pleasantly during our stay, and who by their continuous attendance upon our meetings have so clearly indicated their sympathy with the work of the Church.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the choir of this Church for its services of music and song, and to the ladies, whose contributions of flowers to the pulpit, and whose graceful courtesies to the guests at their homes have thrown so great a charm over the experience of the members of the Synod.

Resolved, That we cannot forget to return our especial thanks to Mr. Augustus H. Bruyn and Mrs. Mary B. Forsyth, for the social reception and entertainment given by them to the members of the Synod on the evening of the seventh day of the session.

The Minutes were read and approved. The roll was called, and the following members were found absent without leave : Revs. G. H. Mandeville, S. W. Roe, Wm. N. Todd, and Elder William Smith.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod resolved to meet in the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, corner of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth street, New York, on the first Wednesday in June, 1877, at 3 o'clock P.M. After prayer, the singing of the 117th Psalm as a Doxology, and the Benediction by the President, the Synod adjourned.

JOHN McC. HOLMES, *President*.

JOHN B. THOMPSON, *Adsector*.

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Permanent Clerk*.

A. PAIGE PEEKE, }
JNO. N. JANSEN. } *Clerks pro tem.*

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PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk*.

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Presidents of General Synod.

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1794—	Rev. Wm. Linn.....	New York.....	Albany, N. Y.
1797—	Rev. Dirck Romeyn.....	".....	New York.
1800—	Rev. Ira Condict.....	New Jersey.....	Albany.
1803—	Rev. John H. Livingston.....	New York.....	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
1806—	Rev. James V. C. Romeyn.....	New Jersey.....	Albany.
1809—	Rev. Nicholas Lansing.....	New York.....	New York.
1812—	Rev. Jacob Sickles.....	".....	Albany.
1814—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	".....	New York.
1815—	Rev. John Schureman.....	New Jersey	Albany.
1816—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	Pennsylvania. .	New York.
1817—	Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook...	New York.....	Albany.
1818—	Rev. William McMurray.....	".....	New York.
1819—	Rev. John M. Bradford.....	".....	Albany.
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1822—	Rev. Philip Milledoler.....	".....	New York.
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1824—	Rev. Thomas DeWitt.....	".....	New York.
1825—	Rev. Jacob Brodhead.....	Pennsylvania...	Albany.
1826—	Rev. John Ludlow.....	New York.....	New York.
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1828—	Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker.....	".....	Albany.
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1830—	Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge.....	New Jersey	New Brunswick, N.J.
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1833—	Rev. Jacob J. Janeway	".....	Schenectady.
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1836—	Rev. Thomas M. Strong	".....	Albany.
1837—	Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff.....	".....	New York.
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1839—	Rev. George W. Bethune.....	Pennsylvania....	Philadelphia.
1840—	Rev. James Murphy.....	New York.....	New York.
1841—	Rev. James Romeyn.....	".....	Albany.
1842—	Rev. James B. Hardenberg.....	New York.....	New York.
1843—	Rev. William C. Brownlee.....	".....	Albany.
1844—	Rev. Jacob Van Vechten.....	".....	Poughkeepsie.
1845—	Rev. Maurice W. Dwight.....	New York... ..	New Brunswick.
1846—	Rev. William H. Campbell.....	".....	Albany.

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1848—	Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye	New York	Kingston, N. Y.
1849—	Rev. George H. Fisher	"	New York.
1849—	Rev. J. Van Vechten (ex. ses)	"	Schenectady, N. Y.
1850—	Rev. Jeremiah Searle	"	Poughkeepsie.
1851—	Rev. Alexander M. Mann.	"	Albany.
1852—	Rev. Gustavus Abeel	New Jersey	Williamsburgh, N. Y.
1853—	Rev. Duncan Kennedy	New York	Philadelphia.
1854—	Rev. Mancius S. Hutton	"	Hudson, N. Y.
1855—	Rev. Ransford Wells	"	New Brunswick.
1856—	Rev. Francis M. Kip	"	Utica, N. Y.
1857—	Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord	"	Ithaca, N. Y.
1858—	Rev. David D. Demarest	"	Newark, N. J.
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1860—	Rev. Oscar H. Gregory	New York	Philadelphia.
1861—	Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef	"	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1862—	Rev. John Garretson	"	Syracuse, N. Y.
1863—	Rev. Talbot W. Chambers	"	Newburgh, N. Y.
1864—	Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr.	Michigan	Schenectady.
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1866—	Rev. Hervev D. Ganse	"	New York
1867—	Rev. Thomas C. Strong	"	Geneva, N. Y.
1868—	Rev. Elbert S. Porter	"	Hudson, N. Y.
1869—	Rev. Charles H. Stitt	"	Philadelphia.
1870—	Rev. Ashbel G. Vermilye	"	Newark, N. J.
1871—	Rev. William J. R. Taylor	New Jersey	Albany.
1872—	Rev. Joachim Elmendorf	New York	Brooklyn.
1873—	Rev. Acmon P. Van Gieson	"	New Brunswick, N. J.
1874—	Rev. Goyne Talmage	"	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
1875—	Rev. Charles Scott	Michigan	Jersey City, N. J.
1876—	Rev. John McC. Holmes	New York	Kingston, N. Y.

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Rev. Selah S. Woodhull, "	1818
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Rev. David D. Demarest, "	1862
Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, "	1871

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Lector in Theology " " 1786-91.
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Professor Didactic Theology, Hackensack, N. J., 1797-1822.
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Professor of Bib. Lit. and Eccl. Hist. at New Brunswick, 1819-23.
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- Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.,
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REPORT.

YOUR Board of Education respectfully submits to General Synod, the following Statements with reference to the various interests committed to its care, during the Synodical year, beginning May 1st, 1875, and ending April 30th, 1876.

I. STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

Eighty-one young men have been under the care of the Board during the year. Twenty-nine of these have spent their whole year in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and twenty-two in Rutgers College. Seven have spent the earlier part of the year in College, to finish their collegiate course, and, after graduating thence, entered on theological studies in the Seminary. Thirteen have been engaged in the studies of the Classical and Theological Departments of Hope College. One has spent the College year at New York University; one at Union University, Schenectady; four at the Grammar School of Rutgers College; and three at other preparatory schools.

Seven finished their theological course in May, 1875, and are all engaged in the work of the ministry. Already with places in the field assigned them by the Lord of the harvest, they have begun their work, and the Annual Reports of the Classes to the same Synod, which receives this account of Synod's care of their preparation through the agency of the Board, contain the records of their settlement in pastoral charges and additions of many souls to the churches which they serve.

Between the close of the actual year of this Report and the meeting of Synod, thirteen more will have finished their preparation and received their licenses to preach. For part of them vacant

places are already waiting, and in a short season they all will be working in the harvest field, under promise of our covenant Redeemer to bless their work, and use them for His glory in the edification of His Church and the salvation of men.

During the year, one of our young men has been stopped in his course by disabling sickness. Two have married and their aid has been withdrawn, but both are pursuing their studies under other arrangements. Neither had been long connected with the Board, nor drawn much of its funds, and neither will be lost to the ministry. Since the close of the year, one has left our care and placed himself under that of others.

Fifteen have been received during the year. The names of other applicants are under consideration, to whom the Board will furnish aid as fast as the proper steps ordered by the Synod are taken and the churches furnish means to assume their support. This record of the coming of others to take the places of those who are sent out, will, we hope, keep the churches mindful of the fact that God Himself will graciously keep alive the calls for the continuance of their contributions, as well as for the accomplishment of more, and ever still more, for His kingdom. So far as we can read His Word and Providence, we have reason to be thankful that we have passed the day when it can be said, Stay the hand, there is enough. The records of year after year of God's blessing, call us to thankfulness for what He enables us to do, and continually furnishing early employment to all that are prepared, should stir the desires and purposes, as well as the gratitude of His people.

There is an outlook of hope in the circumstances of the churches for a great part of the past year. Reports of blessed and encouraging revivals of His people, and of additions to the churches, have taken away the despondency of many hearts over the desolations of Zion, and given assurance that the Lord has not forgotten to be gracious. Now is the opportunity for faith and prayer to come before God for the building up of His kingdom by its regular instrumentalities, as well as for enlarging its foundations and its area by the peculiar power and processes of His grace. While He works and His kingdom grows, be it also ours to work in His appointed way, that it may rise to its beauty and glory of cultivated Christian knowledge under the increase of the preaching of His Word.

The preparation of the soil for the very possibilities of the exhibitions of grace during the past year is of God, through the line upon line and precept upon precept of the teachers of His truth. "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" The outbreathing in these revivals and large additions to His Church, through the fire of His Holy Spirit, forms a new call for more abundant and more thorough preaching of His Word, that these many rescued souls may leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ, and, growing in grace and knowledge, may go on unto perfection. A revived Church and increased opportunities to reach men, while calling for prayer, for effort, for everything that may persuade men to repent and believe, will call no less for faithful men, able to teach, properly prepared for it, who may educate these penitent and believing souls in a growing understanding of the counsels of God. We hope to see from these revivals a new spirit of consecration gendered in the minds and hearts of our intelligent and gifted young men, whose parents shall be able to furnish them every means for thorough preparation, which shall lead to increased numbers of them devoting themselves to the ministry. We hope to see a far larger exhibition of consecration of their sons to the Lord, by Christian parents giving them to the ministry and cheerfully meeting every demand of a most careful preparation, glad to count the return of their outlay, in the good that their sons can do, infinitely greater than in the worldly emoluments they can acquire. We hope also to see from them an increasing number of the young men of the Church, for the present destitute of worldly means to procure an education befitting the work of the ministry, with gifts and graces that make any path of life hopeful of success, cheerfully foregoing all worldly calls and opportunities, to give themselves to the Lord and His work; not seeking great things for themselves, but all they can for Him. For all this we need, and with all this we hope to have an increased interest of all God's people in the consecration of these young men; an enlarged brotherly sympathy with their position and their course; a more continuous and hearty prayer to God for them, and a larger cheerfulness of liberality in furnishing the means to send them to the field, to sow seed and gather sheaves for God. The Lord grant His Church more thankful acknowledgment of what He is using her to accomplish; more

earnest desire to meet His commendation, "She hath done what she could"; more wrestling prayer for more laborers for His harvest; more cheerful welcome of growing numbers of those who do not and of those who do need the exercise of her liberality to prepare them becomingly for this high service of their Lord, and a more abundant liberality, not merely to help them somewhat, but to set them free from care and anxiety, that they may be wholly devoted to their work.

II. HOPE COLLEGE.

The copy of the Annual Report of the College, for the present year, provided for by its Constitution, has not reached us at the time of our adoption of this Report. It will, of course, come before the Synod, with a full statement of the condition of the Institution. Any statement that we can therefore make, must be only on the general principles of the worth of a Christian College to any denomination of the Church, and of this one to ourselves. The extent of our country and the multiplication of institutions, which are the very outgrowth of Church life, such as higher seminaries and colleges for professional training, render it a necessity for those who would not merely secure religious advantages for themselves, but take their proper place in securing this whole land for Christ, to locate their institutions at a sufficient number of points for not only securing the young of their own extending area, but of also gathering as many as practicable, who would be lost altogether or gained by others, to exercise the influence always following education and culture. In this aspect, Hope College has become, by providential circumstances, the institution at the West, for which the desire of our most influential ministry and most intelligent laymen longed, years in advance of its foundation. The minutes of Synod, for a generation preceding its organization, contain the adopted expression of many reports of the desirableness of such an institution as an aid to our Western growth and Western work. While His people were desiring and praying, God was acting, and, in due time, gave answer to our prayers and a channel for our work in Hope College.

Your Board has cheerfully borne its part, as from time to time assigned it by Synod, in furthering its interests. At the last meeting of Synod a special direction as to the channel which our aid should take, as far as our funds would allow, was accepted by the Board, and an appropriation made of what aid we supposed we could render. For want of sufficient funds only a part of it has been within the compass of our means, and the remainder is, of necessity, yet included in the statement of our debt for the year. We have suffered, in common with others, from the extreme stringency of business affairs; but the amount appropriated will all be paid as rapidly as the contributions of the churches shall help us to do it.

We are glad to learn that the efforts of Prof. Kollen, appointed by the Council to work for the endowment of the College, are meeting with some encouragement, even against the unfavorable-ness of the times, and are winning the way gradually to the approval and liberality of the churches. We hope that, with the continuance of his labors and God's blessing on his way, as His providence may restore our people to circumstances more favorable to contribution, that still larger success may crown his efforts, and the Council realize their expectation from his appointment. The institution has already had too large a history of good; has done too much for us in our Western field, and has far too much in its possibilities, to suffer from want of liberal support. The noble efforts and self-denying sacrifices of the Holland churches in the Western Classes, in furnishing means and students, raise it very far above the condition of a mere dependency calling for help without helping itself. Your Board is confident that the action of Synod will be wisely directed on the basis of whatever facts the report of the Council will lay before you.

III. PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

Seven churches have been aided during the year in supporting their Parochial Schools.

From the Annual Report of the six which have returned them, the following statistics are collected:

Number of pupils on the rolls.....	363
“ “ in average attendance.....	300
Amount of aid given by the Board.....	\$656 25
“ raised for them by their own churches.....	900 00
Collections for the Parochial School Fund, in the churches receiving aid.....	43 20

There is also a fact that should be borne in mind, which is, that our report of the work of a single year necessarily falls short of a full view of the beneficial results of the Parochial School System. The fund and the aid given from it are not designed to be the entire support of all Parochial Schools in our Church. The aid is that which is given during weakness to those who are using it as a help to grow stronger. As self-support is reached by the Parochial School, which is the direct result of the Board's aid, the school passes off of our record and is no longer presented in the report. Several important schools have risen from these beginnings. They have secured with their growth the advantage of an impressed character, as religious schools, in which not merely the benefits of an education of mental power are obtained, but, side by side with them, the higher benefits of an education of the heart for Christian and moral influences, by the implanted seed of the Word of God. Institutions now exist, in which the parochial school of a few tens or scores of pupils has developed into one of as many hundreds, or the school with a single teacher has expanded into one with a large corps of faithful instructors, all of them approved members of the Church, and teaching the truths of the Church and her great textbook as regularly and carefully as those of science and literature. These we no longer report, and our list is consequently only of those smaller ones in less advantageous fields, where growth is shown, or of young and new schools which may yet grow into more important helps of the Church.

Those we have, however, are doing good work for the people and the churches which maintain them. They are counted by the churches, necessities of church life in the peculiar circumstances in which they are placed, and are the means of reaching and winning parents who would otherwise remain aloof from all influences for their spiritual good. Many instances have been given in the reports where the natural readiness of parents to oversee and aid their

children in their studies has called their attention to religious truth, which God has used for their conversion and their union with the Church. The value of a tree is not measured by the size of the seed from which it grows. The fruitage of these small plantings may bless the Church, and reach the whole world with influences for good.

IV. FUNDS.

The receipts of the Board for the year, from church collections and individual donations, exclusive of interest and invested funds, have been \$14,974 $\frac{52}{100}$. This amount includes the report, under an arrangement by this Board and the School Board, which has been in operation among the Holland Classes of the West, of the contributions among those churches, not directly to the Board of Education, as such, but for like purposes, and expended under a sufficient responsibility for similar objects. Many of their churches, while liberally meeting the spirit of Synodical injunctions, by educational contributions, were presented in the Annual Tabular Statement in the minutes of Synod as non-contributors. This was felt to be unjust to them, as well as contrary to the desire of Synod to have the contributions of the churches to the various objects of denominational benevolence fairly represented. An arrangement was accordingly entered into by which a duly audited account of their receipts and expenditures could be entered to their credit in the filling out of the Table of Education by our Treasurer. Under this arrangement, those churches will be relieved from the injustice of a blank space, where they should have credit for a contribution, and a fairer view will be obtained of the liberality of all the churches in this department of church work.

There have been added to the permanent funds for ministerial education \$5,000, bequeathed by Mrs. Hylah Hasbrouck, of New Paltz, and paid by her executors to the Treasurer of Synod. By her direction, it is to be known as "The Louisa Hasbrouck Scholarship."

We regret the necessity of reporting an increase of our debt, which amounted, according to the Treasurer's Report at the close of the fiscal year, to \$8,600. With diminished collections from numbers of the churches, and, in some instances, instead of collec-

tions, have come apologies for the diminution or the omission, assigning as a reason the undeniable stringency of the money market and the depressed condition of business affairs. Individual donations have also been considerably lessened. In this respect, our own experience and the published statements of many other benevolent interests, exhibits a difference from what has been frequently the case in other financial crises of the country. In some of them the benevolent contributions were increased over those of more prosperous times. Different explanations will, of course, be given by different parties. Whatever be the occasion of it, the fact itself is, that during the coming year the Board will stand in urgent need of a larger measure of the interest and liberality of the churches. One of the tests which has providentially been prepared for the reality and power of the revival of the Lord's work in many of the churches, is in the calls for a larger spirit of consecration in the use of property as well as of personal effort, and a more regular liberality according to whatever prosperity the Lord may grant. Whatever causes may have led to the diminished amount of collections and donations, have also, probably, led to the failure with reference to the recommendation of Synod to make our Centennial Year as a people memorable by appropriate educational thank-offerings. Possibly, however, this may have been owing somewhat to the anticipation of the centennial year. The celebration of it by the people is just beginning, and the members of our churches and the churches themselves, as bodies, may, and we hope will, feel more fully this year the actual pressure of the social and national circumstances of the year.

The Board has felt the importance of reducing the expenses connected with its work, and, as far as was practicable, has taken steps to do so. It has felt compelled, with regret while doing it, to reduce the salary of its Secretary, and has also obtained a reduction in rent and in other expenses. A large portion of its expense is incurred in sending copies of our yearly reports and letters prepaid by mail to leading members in our churches. This cost, in 1875, about \$500.

V. MEMBERSHIP.

The terms of the following members expire this year, and their places are to be filled by Synod's election :

Rev. John Gaston, D.D.,	Mr. Walter Brett,
“ G. J. Van Neste,	“ John Lefferts,
“ C. S. Hageman, D.D.,	“ John D. Prince,
“ S. J. Rogers,	“ George Stewart.

The foregoing Report was adopted by the Board, at its session, May 9th, 1876, and ordered to be forwarded to General Synod.

JOHN L. SEE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF R. C. A.

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Paid Students at New Brunswick, etc.....	\$14,489 37
“ “ Hope College.....	1,836 99
“ Aid to Hope College.....	1,500
“ Salary of Corresponding Secretary.....	3,000
“ Appropriations for Parochial Schools.....	656 25
“ Expenses.....	1,489 26
“ Loans.....	10,800
“ Interest.....	319 19
“ on Special Account.....	760 90
“ Hope College Interest on Endowment.....	1,293 84
“ Rutgers's College Incidental Expenses of Students	246
Balance in the Treasury.....	311 78
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	\$36,703 58
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By Balance as per last Report.....	\$37 97
Receipts for Education Funds.....	14,236 32
“ Parochial Schools.....	43 02
Int. from Board of Direction on Education Funds,	5,995 88
“ “ “ Paroch. School “	885 11
“ “ “ Hope College “	1,293 84
“ Funds invested on Bond and Mortgage,	1,216 26
Cash for Loans.....	12,300
“ “ Special Account.....	695
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	\$36,703 58
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Invested on Bond and Mortgage.....	\$17,658
Amount of Security Funds..	2,200
“ Debt.....	8,600

This is to certify, that we have, this 4th day of May, 1876, examined the accounts of F. J. Hosford, Treasurer of the Board of Education, and find a balance in the Treasury of three hundred and eleven 78-100 dollars, on the first day of May, 1876, and that the accounts have been correctly kept.

JOHN D. PRINCE, }
JOHN LEFFERTS, } *Committee.*

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REPORT.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

With devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, the Board of Domestic Missions respectfully presents the Forty-fourth Annual Report to the General Synod.

The mercies of God have been large and signal—in the preservation of the lives of the members of the Board, and of every Missionary in the field with one exception—in the loyal, consecrated, self-sacrificing spirit of our people in carrying the work entrusted to us so successfully through another year of unwonted financial severity—in the gracious and wide-spread revival of religion which has descended like a baptism upon almost every Mission under our care, and in the general and substantial progress that has been made in every part of the field.

Year by year your Board is impressed by the conviction that God has a work for our Church to do—a mission to fulfill—which makes it impossible for us to form estimates, either of what the work is to be or what are to be the resources which He will provide to carry it on. If our people will continue to pray for the extension and building up of the Church, and He continues to answer prayer, there is no estimating what we may not be called upon to do. And when He appoints the task, and is willing to provide the resources, who shall decline the undertaking?

THE SURVEY OF THE FIELD.

The number of families reported as connected with our various Missions is 4,873, and the number of members who receive the means of grace at the hands of your Missionaries is 6,673; while 663 have been received on confession of faith, and 418 by certificate. There have been twelve new Sabbath schools established during the year, and 98 schools conducted, with an average attendance of 8,490 scholars; and the precious fact may be added, that, as the result of these labors, 154 conversions are reported in the Sabbath schools.

Thus it has been our privilege to aid 95 Missions—4 more than last year. We have provided the means of grace to 709 more of the members of the scattered and needy flock; we have received 29 more into the fold of Christ, and report 23 more conversions in the Sabbath schools.

The work has been thus distributed: 53 Missions and 46 Missionaries are at the East, 40 Missions and 35 Missionaries are at the West, and 2 at the South.

AN EXTENDED MISSIONARY TOUR.

During the last autumn the Corresponding Secretary, at the urgent and often repeated request of the Western Church, made an extended and laborious tour, stretching through nearly six weeks of time, and covering over 4,000 miles of distance, among the Missions of your Board. The visit was a gratification alike to the churches and to the representative of the Board. The unbounded possibilities for our Church are palpable to every beholder. We only need to do what others have had to do to reach success. If the Church can be inspired with an intelligent faith—a faith which springs from the actual knowledge of the glorious field of usefulness which lies open before us—we believe it will more than double, in a single year, the resources of your Board for Mission work, and especially for church building operations. Such knowledge would be a *revelation* which would interweave itself into all our plans for usefulness until it became a controlling conviction that, whatever we did or left undone, *our home work must be provided for*—that we must plant the tree bearing fruit, and sow the seed that shall bring forth “some thirty, some sixty and some an hundred fold,” if we would provide for the increasing numbers of the household of faith. We must plant churches if we would grow, and we can plant if we have the means.

REVIVALS.

The spirit of grace and quickening has descended upon the Missions of your Board with remarkable power during the year. Fourteen churches, dividing the Divine bounty equally between the West and the East, have enjoyed very precious refreshings from the presence of the Lord. Ridgewood, N. J., in the first year of its

existence, has received 17 on confession of faith in Christ; Westerlo, N. Y., has received 43; Grahamsville, N. Y., 15; Boonton, N. J., 11; West End, N. J., 12; Fort Lee, N. J., 21; and Wilcox, Pa., also an infant member of the household of faith, has received 32, during the year.

Bethel, Iowa, without a Pastor until July, has received 11; Parkersburgh, Iowa, 20; Jamestown, Mich., 15; First Grand Rapids, Mich., 14; Third Grand Rapids, 13; Beaver Dam, Mich., 14; and Somerset, Kansas, 33. And a large number of the Missions seem to have been revived, as is indicated by the increased additions by certificate. And for these and all mercies we devoutly thank God!

THE TREASURY.

The Treasurer's statement will be found at the close of the report. We entered upon the present fiscal year with an apparent balance on hand of \$11,696 10; which fact, together with other causes, probably led the churches to contribute to this Board \$1,981 46 less than last year; and the Sunday schools, under a like impression, to reduce their contribution \$221 89 from last year; when the actual truth was, that there was a cash deficiency in the Church Building Fund account of \$16,852 24, absorbing at once every available dollar, and necessitating a loan of about \$6,000 to commence the year. It has been hard to bear up under the responsibilities of reputed wealth under circumstances like these. Still, through the goodness of God, we have maintained the laborers in the field, and met the obligations as they matured with what promptitude we could, and we are grateful to God and to the people.

The following synopsis is presented:

Balance on hand May 1, 1875.....	\$11,696 10
Received from Churches.....	\$16,004 02
" " Sunday Schools.....	2,453 98
" " Individuals	3,712 60
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Total contributions	\$22,170 60
Legacies.....	6,180
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	28,350 60
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	40,046 70

Payments of Missionaries.....	\$30,220 61	
All other payments.....	5,566 44	
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	\$35,787 05	
Balance	4,258 82	
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		40,046 70

The true interests of our Church and loyalty to the cause and kingdom of God would make our resources \$40,000, at least, from contributions alone; so that the gifts of God's gathered ones might be used for special work, to build monuments to His praise which shall stand through the ages. But we patiently wait until God shall give us the grace to "keep our own vineyard," and sow the seed adequate to the wants of our own children.

CHURCH BUILDINGS BEGUN AND FINISHED.

It is little short of marvelous, that, with such a financial condition of the country and such apparent indifference to the interests of the Church Building Fund, we should be enabled to present to the General Synod such evidences of substantial progress—such precious results to the growth and prosperity of struggling enterprises. Sixteen churches have been aided in their effort to obtain houses of worship, either by assistance in building or in the support of the Pastor while the resources of the people were absorbed in building. They are as follows: South Brooklyn, completed; Parkersburgh, completed; the Holland Church, New York City, after years of fugitive existence, has, by the generosity of friends in the fatherland and in this country, at last secured a church home—a consummation for which we are devoutly thankful.

Fynart, Mich., has been enlarged; Jamestown, Mich., has been finished; Pekin, Ill., has completed a beautiful house of worship; Asbury Park, N. J., has begun and finished a commodious chapel.

The Third and Fourth Churches of Grand Rapids, Mich., have each completed models of neat and comfortable sanctuaries.

The Holland Church of Passaic has begun and finished its edifice. Detroit, Mich., and Drenthe, Mich., have each succeeded in securing for themselves houses of worship; and Ridgewood, N. J., has laid

the foundation of a building around which many hopes and prayers are already clustering. Aid has also been extended to West End, N. J.; Annandale, N. J.; Central Avenue, Jersey City Heights; First Long Island City, L. I.; Wallkill Valley, N. Y., and Irving Park, Ill., in bearing interest on their indebtedness or in removing indebtedness altogether.

To these may be added Third Bayonne, N. J., West End, N. J., and Schoharie Mountain, N. Y.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

Four new churches have been organized under the care of your Board during the year. Two of these are in the City of Grand Rapids, Mich., and both have sprung almost full grown from the Second Church, which had become full to repletion. They are numbered the *Third* and *Fourth* Churches of Grand Rapids. They have both erected, without aid from the Building Fund, tasteful and substantial church edifices.

The Third Church is happy and prosperous, under the ministry of the Rev. A. Kriekaard. The Fourth is still awaiting a Pastor.

A church has also been organized at Asbury Park, N. J., and completed without aid from us, a suitable place of worship, and is under the Pastoral oversight of Rev. F. F. Wilson.

During the last year an enterprise was commenced at Ridgewood, N. J., which has been organized as a church, upon which the cloud of mercy descended during the past winter, and a precious revival fully doubled the number of members, and placed its success almost beyond a peradventure. The young Pastor, to whose ministry thus early God set His seal, is the Rev. John A. Van Neste. Measures have been taken to build the needed church edifice.

THE CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

It looks almost incredible that we could have accomplished all the result above designated with the condition of the Fund at the beginning of the year, and the support it has received.

The last report exhibited an indebtedness of.....	\$6,617 77
Total payments to the close of the year.....	6,454 58
Making a total of.....	<hr/> \$13,072 35

The receipts were as follows:

Contributions for general purposes.....	\$2,439 17	
" special " 	1,291 32	
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Total contributions.....	\$3,730 49	
Interest received	506 70	
Sale of Hymn Books.....	305 32	
Insurance (Return Prem.).....	16 25	
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	\$4,558 76	
Sale of property at Waterford, N. Y..	3,306	\$7,864 76
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Net indebtedness.....		\$5,207 59

But some \$2,000 of the above assets are not at present available as cash, so the net cash deficiency in this Fund is between \$7,000 and \$8,000. Hence as both Funds are under the same management, and \$2,500 of the funds of the Board are in the same condition, instead of a balance in favor, we have a cash deficiency of some \$10,000.

It is needless to say that this is a great burden. It is breaking the laboring oar; and compels us, time and again, to withhold the means of livelihood from those who are dependant upon the fulfillment of our promises for the comfort and efficiency of their labor. We wait and pray for the time to come when the Church shall value and properly provide for her Building Fund.

SELF SUSTAINING CHURCHES.

Even in the midst of these pecuniary difficulties, it is our privilege to report that three Churches have assumed, henceforth, their own support. Of these, two are at the East, viz.: Keyport, New Jersey, and the Second Church of Hudson City, New Jersey, and one, Greenleafston, Minn., is at the West. This last named Church is one of which the sanctuary was erected and the pastor has been supported by the munificence of a lady whose life long devotion to the extension of our beloved Zion deserves the gratitude of the whole Church.

REMOVALS AND CHANGES.

Rev. F. M. Kip, D.D., has become the pastor of the Churches of Huguenots and Richmond, S. I.

Mr. William Hazenberg, of the last Theological Class from Hope Seminary has been called to the Church of Fulton, Ill. Mr. Horace P. Craig has been settled over the Church of Locust Valley, L. I.

Rev. S. A. Bumstead has entered upon the charge of the Mission at Norris, Ill. The Rev. William Van der Kley, the faithful and earnest pastor of the Church of Graafschap, Mich., was suddenly called to his heavenly rest during the year.

Rev. Peter B. Crolius has been settled over the Church of Kerhonkson, N. Y. Rev. Peter Q. Wilson has relinquished the charge of the Church of Guttenberg, N. J., and has accepted an engagement with the Church of the Ponds, N. J. Mr. Algernon Matthews of the Seminary at New Brunswick has been settled over the Central Avenue Church of Jersey City Heights.

Rev. William D. Perry has relinquished the charge of the Churches of Laurel Hill and Long Island City, and Rev. George R. Garretson is his successor.

Rev. H. F. Schnellendreussler has resigned the charge of the German Church of Plainfield, N. J.

Rev. E. Vander Hart has been called from the Second Church of Grand Haven to the long vacant charge of Battle Creek, Mich, and the surrounding country, and is meeting with encouraging success. Mr. A. Wormser of the Hope Seminary has been settled over Bethel Church at Pella, Iowa, and has already met with great encouragement. Rev. F. F. Wilson has resigned the charge at Boonton, N. J., and has entered upon a new enterprize at Asbury Park, N. J. Mr. John A. Van Neste of the graduating class at New Brunswick, has been settled over the newly organized Church of Ridgewood, N. J., where God's blessing has already signally crowned his labors.

Rev. William H. Smith has resigned the charge at Fort Lee, N. J., and has accepted a call to the Church at Little Falls, N. J. Rev. J. W. Te Winkel has accepted the call at Clymer Village, N. Y., thus leaving Holland, Nebraska, for the time being without a pastor.

Rev. A. Kriekaard has resigned his important charge at Kalamazoo, Mich., to become the pastor of the Third Church of Grand Rapids. Rev. C. Vander Veen has been called to the Church of Drenthe, Mich. Rev. Joseph Mayou, has resigned his pastorate at Somerset, Kansas. His place has not yet been filled.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

The progress made in this department of our work is, perhaps, the most encouraging of any we have to report, and much of our success is due, under God, to the well-directed labors of our Western Missionary Sunday-school Superintendent, Rev. N. D. Williamson, whose support, while he labors as a pastor, is mainly derived from the Sunday-school of the First Church of Brooklyn. There can be little doubt that this is most effective labor bestowed upon a responsive field. His report is as follows :

SOUTH BEND IND., May 6th 1876.

To the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America :

Dear Brethren—In compliance with the request of Secretary West, "Send me about such a report of your Sunday-school work as you did last year," I herewith present you a condensation of the reports for 1876, and a comparison with those of 1872 :

	1872.	1876.	Per cent of gain.
Churches with Sunday-schools,	47	67	42.5
Officers and Teachers.....	821	1,041	26.8
Scholars enrolled.....	5,651	9,031	59.8
Total enrollment.....	6,472	10,072	55.6
Average attendance.....	4,619	7,236	56.6

This gives an average gain for that period of 48.2 per cent, which is encouraging to all who have aided or are inclined to aid our Western Sunday-school work. The gains over last year are 12.7 per cent in Churches with Sunday-schools; 5.9 per cent in officers and teachers; 12.9 per cent in scholars enrolled; 12.3 per cent in total enrollment, and 5.7 per cent in average attendance;

an average advance for the year of 9.9 per cent. The advance in receptions into Churches, so far as reported is 62.9 per cent over last year, for which we praise the Lord.

Cordially Yours,

N. D. WILLIAMSON, W. M. S. S.

REV. J. WEST, D.D.

CONCLUSION.

Thus amidst hopes and fears, disappointments and unexpected deliverances, we have seen the wonderful goodness of God towards your Board and towards the Churches under our care for another year, and to God we give the praise.

The term of service of the following members expires June, 1876.

Rev. John H. Duryee, D.D.,	Rev. Edward P. Ingersoll,
“ Paul D. Van Cleef, D.D.,	Hon. J. A. Lott, LL.D.
“ John A. Todd, D.D.,	“ J. V. D. Hoagland,
“ James Le Fevre,	“ Isaac Wortendyke,

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. WEST, *Cor. Sec.*

Approved and ordered to be printed.

New York, May 15, 1876.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND RESULTS.

Churches and Missions aided.....	95
At the East, with forty-six Missionaries.....	53
“ West, with thirty-five “	43
“ South	2
Number of Missionaries employed.....	83
“ Families.....	4,873
“ Members	6,673
“ received on Confession.....	663
“ “ Certificate	418
Whole number of Sabbath Schools reported.....	98
“ “ organized.....	12
“ Scholars, average attendance.....	8,490
“ Church Buildings finished and in process of completion	16
“ Churches organized.....	4
“ “ reached self-support.....	3
Contributions to the Board of Domestic Missions.....	\$983
“ by the Missions to other benevolent ob- jects.....	\$3,788
Whole amount received into the Treasury	\$28,350 60

*The Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in
America, in account with JOHN R. SMITH, Treasurer.*

Dr.

April 30, 1876.

To Cash payments, as follows:

to Missionaries,.....	\$30,220 61	
for removal of Missionaries.....	25	
for Sunday school Books.....	900 98	
for Postage, &c., Western S. S. Agent.....	5	
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		31,151 59
for Printing Annual Reports, Circulars and Receipts... ..	222 28	
for Wrappers and Postage.....	21 80	
for traveling expenses of Secretary (West- ern tour... ..	174 06	
for traveling expenses of member of Board to attend meeting.....	16 48	
to Recording Secretary, for Postage.....	2 25	
for Rent of Office and proportion of charge for Fuel and Post Office box.....	637 82	
for Office and Traveling Expenses of Secre- tary, including Janitor and Postage...	171 60	
for salary of Corresponding Secretary.....	3,000	
for Postage, Rev. Stamps, Stationery and allowance for Clerk hire (proportion), for Treasurer	390	
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		4,636 29
To Balance.....		4,258 82
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		\$10,046 70

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May 1, 1875.

By Balance from old account	\$11,696 10
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April 30, 1876.

By Cash, as follows :

received from Churches.....	16,004 02
received from Sunday-schools.....	2,453 98
received from Individuals..	3,712 60

Total Contributions.....	22,170 60
received from Legacies.....	6,180

Total income	28,350 60
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Total,	\$40,046 70
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JOHN R. SMITH, *Treasurer*.

NEW YORK, May 1, 1876.

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee have examined the above statement, with vouchers, and find the same correct.

S. B. STEWART,
S. R. W. HEATH.

New York, May 29, 1876.

The Church Building Fund of the Reformed Church in America, in account with JOHN R. SMITH, Treasurer.

Dr.

May 1, 1875.

To Balance from old account \$6,617 77

April 30, 1876.

To Cash to Churches, as follows :

First Reformed Church, Detroit, Mich.....	800	
"Fynard" Church, East Saugatuck, Mich.....	200	
Irving Park, Illinois.....	371	11
Schoharie Mountain, N. Y.....	300	
Asbury Park, N. J.....	16	47
Walkill Valley, N. Y.....	15	
"Hope" Church, Holland, Mich.....	39	
West End, N. J.....	256	29
		1,997 87

To Loan on Bond and Mortgage.

Sarah M. Vanderberg, on her Bond secured by Mortgage, for part of consideration money in purchase of property of the R. P. D. Ch., Half Moon, N. Y. Sold by order of Legislature of State of N. Y., and assigned by Commissioners to the Board.....	2,300
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To Interest on Loans of Churches, as follows :

Walkill Valley, N. Y.....	500	
Jersey City Heights, N. J.....	560	
Annandale, N. J.....	140	
Third (German), Bayonne, N. J.....	122	50
		1,322 50
Interest on Loans.....	626	34
Insurance on Churches.....	93	20
Fee for recording Assignment.....	4	25
Treasurer for Postage, Checque Stamps, Stationery, and proportion of allowance for clerk hire.....		110

\$13,071 93

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April 30, 1876.

By Contributions for special objects.....	\$1,291 32	
For general purposes.....	2,439 17	
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Total Contributions		3,730 49
By proceeds of sale of property of Ref. Protestant Dutch Church, Half Moon, N. Y. Received from Com- missioners.....		3,306
By Cash, Interest on Notes of H. Carmody, and others..		506 70
return Premium on canceled Policy		16 25
per John I. Brower, Treas. of General Synod royalty from sale of "Hymns of the Church,"		305 32
By Balance.....		5,207 17
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		<u>\$13,071 93</u>

MEMORANDUM.

Indebtedness, viz :—Balance as above.....	\$5,207 17
Unpaid special gifts	2,950
Two Notes of Purchaser of the South Church, New Haven.....	5,000
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Deficiency on Cash Account	\$13,157 17

JOHN R. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

New York, May 1, 1876.

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee, have examined the above statement, with vouchers, and find the same correct.

S. B. STEWART,
S. R. W. HEATH.

New York, May 29, 1876.

THE

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Foreign Missions,

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,

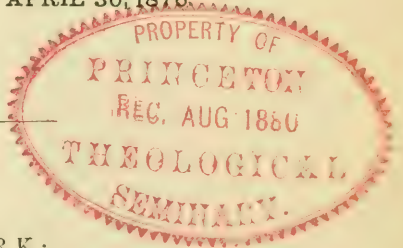
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NINETEENTH OF SEPARATE ACTION,

WITH THE

Treasurer's Tabular and Summary Report of Receipts,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1876.



NEW YORK:

BOARD OF PUBLICATION

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,

34 VESEY STREET, CORNER OF CHURCH.

1876.

REPORT.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, respectfully presents to the General Synod the following Report of the forty-fourth year of its existence, and nineteenth year of separate and independent action :

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

The Rev. Jas. Demarest, Jr., has been elected a member of the Board in the place of the Rev. H. D. Ganse, whose membership ceased by his removal to St. Louis, to assume the pastorate of a Presbyterian Church. No other change has occurred in the membership of the Board.

RE-ENFORCEMENTS.

During the past two years the Board has been seeking amongst the younger pastors of the Church for one willing to go to Yokohama, and qualified to teach the Japanese young men desiring to be prepared for the work of evangelists and pastors, to guide the young native Church through the formative period of its early years, and who would specially prepare himself to supply a Japanese Christian literature. Many of the pastors have been consulted in the endeavor to find the right man, and to a few, strongly recommended, proposals have been made. No one, however, was found ready to give himself to this important service. But as has frequently occurred in our history, the Head of the Church has brought to us the man prepared to supply our want. The Rev. James L. Amerman, of Bergen, N. J., a few months ago, offered himself for appointment as a missionary of the Board. When he had presented satisfactory testimonials, and after a deliberate consideration of his qualifications, the Board commissioned him in April as a missionary of the Reformed Church to be stationed at Yokohama.

As we look upon the large fields and millions of men entrusted to us in the Providence of God, and see how small our force of missionaries is, and notice how seriously a number of this devoted band have been disabled by work and exposure and sickness, we regard the future with apprehensions of disaster.

The Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D., is on his way home from the Arcot Mission, to remain permanently in this country. When he returns, the Arcot Mission will have lost four men of experience, who were on the field five years ago. Two others are in this country endeavoring to regain the health lost under a tropical sun, leaving only three ordained missionaries, one medical missionary, and one unmarried lady to meet the wants of a territory whose area is nearly 10,000 square miles, and whose population is over three millions of souls.

At Amoy, China, we have this year, as we had last year, only three ordained missionaries, and one of these will soon be in this country to recover health if possible. Here also we are called to provide for the religious wants of over three millions of men, women and children.

At Nagasaki, Japan, the Rev. Henry Stout is our only representative. Ought we not to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers? Ought not the Churches to relieve this treasury from the heavy indebtedness with which it is now burdened, and make such gifts as will enable the Board to send two new men to India, two to Amoy, and one to Nagasaki?

SURVEY OF THE MISSIONS.

THE AMOY MISSION, CHINA.

(Organized in 1844.)

The Mission occupies the following cities: Amoy, population 200,000; Chio-be, population 60,000; Chiang-chiu, population 60,000; and Tong-an, population 60,000. The territory traversed by the missionaries and native helpers, being between 50 and 60 miles in length, and from 7 to 14 miles in breadth, has a population of more than three millions of souls, including that of the cities already mentioned.

The Rev. Dr. J. V. N. Talmage reports as follows, on behalf of the Mission :

I now send you the *Report of the Amoy Mission for the year 1875.*

Missionaries.—Revs. J. V. N. Talmage, D. Rapalje, L. W. Kip.

Assistant Missionaries.—Mrs. Talmage, Mrs. Kip, Miss Helen M. Van Doren, Miss Mary E. Talmage. Mr. Kip and family were away several months during the summer, and greatly to his physical benefit. The rest of the Mission suffered no interruption from illness during the year.

Native Pastors.—Revs. Iap Han chiong, (of 2nd Church Amoy), Chhoa Thian-khit, (of 1st Church Amoy), Tiong Iu-li, (of Church at Chioh-be.)

Other Native Preachers, 10. One of these has been laid aside from work by serious illness during the greater part of the year, and is probably near his end.

Christian School-teachers, 6. One of these is the personal teacher of the young ladies, and is only engaged a part of the time in teaching in the girls' school. Another has been kept in the Theological school during the year as a student, but is not numbered among the Theological students.

Theological Students 7 ; *Organized Churches* 7 ; *Regular preaching places* 13 ; *Schools*, (including one girls' school), 4.

The Churches under the care of the English Presbyterian missionaries, with ours, still form one Classis or Tai-hoe. We therefore include them as formerly in our Statistical Table, as follows :

**AMOY MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA AND
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ENGLAND.**

Statistics for 1875.

CHURCHES.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Died.	Members Dec. 31st, 1875.	Under Suspension.	Infants Baptised.	Boys in School.	Girls in School.	Contributions, (Chinese year, Feb. 17, 1874 to Feb. 5, 1875.)
First Amoy.....	3	1			2	91	3	7	21	4	\$261 89
Second ".....	3	5		1	6	127	6	3	30	22	285 50
Chioh-be ¹	1		2	1	2	82	13	2			98 30
O kang ¹	8			1	2	53	1				41 85
Hong-san ¹	2	1		2	1	73	3	1	24		237
Tong-an.....	1		1	1		43	5	1			28 97
Chiang-chiu ³	6		1	2	1	68	8	2			106 18
Total, Am. Ref. Mission.....	24	7	4	8	14	537	39	16	75	26	\$1059 69
Peh-chui-ia ²	4				2	96		18			\$174 49
Ma-peng ⁴	14			1	1	174	22	19			108 62
Khi-boey ¹	4					50	8	2			31 02
Kio-lai ²	5					83		13			70
Liong-bun si ¹	12	1			1	61	3	13			43 29
E-mung-kang.....	4		3			28	1	5			40 20
An-hai ²	13		1		4	95	5				119 24
Chin-chew ¹	16	1	1	2	1	41	4				
Total, Eng. Pres. Mission.....	72	2	5	3	9	628	43	70			\$586 86
Total, both Missions.....	96	9	9	11	23	1165	82	86			\$1646 55

¹ Has two preaching places.

² Has three " "

³ Has four preaching places.

⁴ Has five " "

SCHOOLS.

As regards the Girls' school, see Report of Miss Van Doren. Besides this school, we have only had three others during the year; the same in number but not entirely the same schools, as during the year previous. This is a sad fact. The children of the Church, at most of the out-stations, are without "schooling" altogether. These congregations are not only small, but usually the most of the members reside in surrounding villages, too far separated from each other to send their children to the same schools; and the large majority of them are poor. We endeavor to impress on them the importance of educating their children. Wherever there are a sufficient number of the children of Christians residing near enough together for the purpose, and the parents raise money enough to convince us that they have sufficient interest in the matter, we are ready to make up the deficiency in funds, and furnish them with schools. We do not think it wise ordinarily to furnish *all* the funds.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS.

The meetings for women, in connection with the two Churches, in Amoy, have been kept up as formerly by Mrs. Talmage and Mrs. Kip. Doubtless they are of great *present* benefit to the Churches, but their greatest benefit relates to the future of these Churches.

Mrs. Talmage has also continued her class for women in Kolong-su.

The young ladies have engaged in the more systematic visitation of the Chinese families on this island, for the purpose of cultivating friendship, inducing the women to attend Church, and to send their children for instruction. Their visits have not been altogether in vain. They have been uniformly treated with politeness. Beyond this, their success has not been very manifest. Perhaps it has been fully as great as we had reason to expect. Satan's throne in the Chinese heart is guarded by a rampart of superstition and error, the accretions of thousands of years; and then it is marvelous how even this rampart is again protected by outer walls, and moats, and other outworks, the result partly of foreign immoralities, but chiefly of barefaced slanders industriously circulated against Christianity, and concerning our object as missionaries. Take one recent illus-

tration. When conversing with some chinese women, whom my daughters had succeeded in inducing to make us a visit, I endeavored to impress on them the claims of Christianity. They gravely asked me whether it was not true, that we were in the habit of taking out the eyes of our converts; and this from our very neighbors, after we have been here a whole generation, proclaiming to the people the love of God through a crucified Redeemer!

ROMANIZED COLLOQUIAL. *

After the return of Rev. J. H. Van Doren to the U. S., our small printing press for a long time was allowed to remain idle. About the middle of last year we gave it in charge of one of the native Christians, who now prints for us at fixed prices. He has printed an edition of the Heidelberg Catechism, and is now printing an edition of all our *Church Forms*. A translation of the Belgic Confession, (with the exception of a few corrections to be made), is also ready for him. During the present year, it is probable, he will be furnished with colloquial translations of some of the books of the Old Testament.

The English Presbyterian Missions of Swatou are also beginning the experiment of printing in romanized colloquial. Their first book is now going through our press.

PLYMOUTH BRETHREN.

In the reports of the last few years, we have several times had occasion to allude to the evil influences of a disintegrating sect usually called "Plymouth Brethren." Many years ago one Si-bu, (pronounced See-boo), a member of the Church at Peh-chui-ia, was sent by the English Presbyterian Missionaries to labor as a Colporteur among the Chinese at Singapore, under the care of the English speaking Presbyterian Church at that place. After he had been there awhile, he wrote back to us at Amoy, expressing the desire to return to Amoy, and study medicine at the Chinese Hospital for a few months, and be ordained by us to the office of the Gospel ministry. We did not altogether approve of his scheme. He then discovered the doctrine, that the call to the ministry of the Word

* Romanized Colloquial is the spoken language printed in Roman letters.

being of God there was no need of human ordination. The proof of the call is found in a man's success in gaining converts. He was baptized again, (immersed), I suppose by some Plymouth Brethren, and assumed the office of the ministry. After this he returned home for a short visit. In a village near his native place, he found a man who had been a teacher in one of the English Presbyterian schools, but who was there out of the employ of the mission because of mutual dissatisfaction. This man was readily converted to the views of Si-bu, and immersed, and assumed the office of the ministry. This man's name is So, (pronounced Sau.)

Something more than a year ago Si-bu again visited this region. This was a longer visit, and he made his head quarters at Amoy. He did not succeed in gaining any open followers from the Amoy Churches. But the looseness of his doctrines concerning our obligation to keep God's law, rather his *positive* antinomian tenets, which he zealously and insidiously endeavored to disseminate among the Christians, doubtless had pernicious influence on individuals, leading to looseness of conduct, and increasing the number of cases of church discipline.

His influence in our Churches, and also in those under the care of the English Presbyterian Mission, in the department of Chiang-chiu, was more manifest. His greatest apparent success in our Churches was at Chioh-be. There were two men who had been inquirers for years in that place, but whom the Church could not receive, one on account of general inconsistency of conduct, the other because he was a polygamist. One of these men immersed the other, and then they opened an opposition chapel. Si-bu and So both visited them occasionally, and the new congregation went on swimmingly for awhile, being joined by several of our members and inquirers. Those of our members who joined them, with two exceptions, were under church censure at the time. As was to have been expected from the character of the material of which their Church was composed, their congregation has already nearly died out. I am told that the congregations which they gathered among the English Presbyterian Churches have nearly died out in the same way. Some of their people have gone back to heathenism, some have become indifferent, and a few are coming back to the faith of the Gospel. The family of So composes the greater part of the sect in that region.

One of their favorite doctrines is, that the Sabbath is a Jewish institution, as is indeed, the whole Decalogue. This is a very agreeable doctrine to men who are under discipline for Sabbath breaking, or other immoralities, and to all who would like to get rid of moral restraint; but it is a poor doctrine whereby to hold together and build up a Church in a heathen country. It is the instrument by which this sect is committing suicide. Teach men that God does not require them to keep the Sabbath, and they will cease to keep it, and consequently will cease to assemble on that day for His worship and to hear His word, whenever they find their temporal interest suffering thereby; and this they will always find, *apparently*, in a heathen land like China.

COMPARISONS.

Our Statistical Table, carefully examined, and compared with former tables, gives us much cause for humiliation before God. While it is our duty to thank Him, and we do thank Him, for souls converted, and that things are no worse, we may well chide ourselves with the questions, why are they no better? and, why are not more souls saved?

Our Mission in times past has been greatly blessed. The increase was manifest and constant until 1871. At the close of that year we reported 497 members. Since then we seem to have made very little progress, in some particulars to have retrograded. The gospel has been faithfully preached, and God has not left us altogether without witness of His power. That year we received on confession of faith 69 members, the next year 50, the next 49, the next 19, and the next, (i. e. last year), 24. Thus in five years we have received 211 members. This is truly cause for thanksgiving. But during that time we have lost by deaths, removals, excommunications and "Plymouthism" 171 members, leaving a net increase of only 30. During last year we had a net increase of only 2. During the last two years we had a decrease of 3.

In 1871 the contributions of our Churches were \$964 88. We now report \$1,059 69, only an increase of \$94 81. But these are the contributions for the Chinese year ending Feb. 17, 1875. We do not yet know what they were during the last Chinese year, which ended Jan. 25, 1876. I greatly fear they will be found less.

Since 1871 we have not organized a single new church. We have no more native helpers than we had many years ago, and scarcely any increase of Theological students. We have fewer schools than we had years ago. During the last year we had 10 more pupils in our schools than we had the year previous, five more than we had two years previous, and nine less than we had three years previous!

With the boundless field around us, and God's illimitable promises, we ought to have added to the number of Churches, and native pastors and helpers, and students, and to every department of our work. This increase should be constant.

While on this subject, let me make another comparison. While we have been almost stationary, the work of the English Presbyterian Mission has been steadily advancing. They began their Mission at Amoy some eight years after ours was commenced. But for many years past, they have kept their Mission better manned than ours has been, and are never hampered for means to carry on their work, and as a result of this they have been constantly gaining on us, until now they outstrip us in Churches and church members, and far outstrip us in outstations and native helpers, and students, giving promise of still greater progress in the future. Almost the only particulars in which we are still in the advance of them are in our three native pastors, (as yet they have none,) in the larger contributions of our Churches, and in our girls' school. But they also are now about opening a school for girls.

I mention this advancement of our English Presbyterian brethren, not from any feelings of envy, for we rejoice in all their success, and would be glad to see it a hundred fold greater, but that we may stir up both ourselves and the Church which we love so heartily, to greater zeal in this most blessed work of our Lord.

SERIOUS QUESTIONS.

Now, why is it that we are compelled to send a report so tinged with sadness? Will you charge the fault on us, your missionaries? I doubt whether you will charge us more severely than we charge ourselves, when alone with our Master. We sometimes have great searchings of heart in reference to this matter. But we *do* strive to be faithful.

Is there any fault think you with the Church at home? We bring no accusation. But you will not blame us for reminding you that the apparent turning point in our prosperity exactly synchronizes with the decision of the Board, and as facts since then seem to prove, the decision of our Church—that we curtail our work. Neither will you blame us for telling you that we found one fact in in the “Acts and Proceedings” of the last General Synod which seemed to us peculiarly sad. A number of the young men of our Theological Seminary (the Christian Intelligencer said a majority of the last class) offered themselves to the Board to be sent forth on the Foreign Missionary work. The Board refused to send them, because the Church did not furnish the funds. The Board reported this fact to the Synod, in connection with the fact of the great need of reinforcements, especially at Amoy and Yokohama. The Synod’s Committee on Foreign Missions, in their report to the Synod, allude to the same facts, but merely as a matter of humiliation. They make no recommendation to correct the fact, that the humiliation may be taken away; and here the matter was dropped. Thus the refusal to send the young men has become the act of the Church.

Immediate reinforcements indispensable.—If our work is to be carried on, even on the present scale, *we must have reinforcements.* If possible, send us one or two men immediately. Some of us are getting old, and wearing out. We need also young blood infused into our Mission. We get into ruts, and are too old to get out of them. We cannot open new stations and inaugurate new plans as we could if we were younger, or had some young men among us.

Besides this, we must not be contented to stand still, and merely hold our own. Has not the experience of the last few years proved that such a policy would be suicidal? If we would be faithful to our Great Commander in the enterprise, on which, at his command, we have entered, of subduing this great empire to him, we must extend our lines and push forward our outposts. The Lord help us who are on the ground to be faithful, and help you, who have sent us, to succor us with your prayers, your means, and your men.

Encouraging Prospects.—We have been somewhat encouraged in the last few months. We think we see some faint signs of more life in our Churches. Brethren, who had for a long time been alien-

ated from each other, have met together to make mutual confession of their faults, and ask forgiveness of each other, and then have bowed down together to ask forgiveness of the Master. We had near the close of the year some interesting union meetings of our two Amoy Churches, for confession of sin and supplication for the Spirit's return. The influence of these meetings extended to some of the country Churches. At Chioh-be there were also some very pleasant meetings. The Union Meetings of all the Amoy Churches, during the Week-of-Prayer at the beginning of this year, were better attended than for two or three years past. I think our Monthly Concerts for prayer are again more interesting. Are not these a cloud, at least as large as a man's hand, the precursor of refreshing showers? We so hope and pray. Aye, we are encouraged by our last Papers from home. The Church seemed to be sending more "tithes into the store-house," and then we read of the great expectations that God is about to revive his work throughout the Churches in our beloved land. How eagerly we look for the fulfillment of their expectations! Oh that this Centennial year might be a year "of the right hand of the Most High!" Then you will be able to send us all the help we need, and I trust we too shall catch some showers of the blessing. The whole world is coming closer together through the extension of railways, steamships and electric telegraphs; but the different parts of the Body of Christ, though separated in space to the distance of the length of the earth's diameter, have the means of still more rapid intercommunication than steam or even electricity could give. They are brought, shall I say into actual contact? Aye, closer still, into *oneness* through the indwelling of the Eternal Spirit. If he quicken you in America we shall feel the pulsations even here in China. God grant it, for His own name's sake!

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Miss Helen M. Van Doren furnishes an account for the year of this valuable institution, as follows:

Another year of the Girls' school was completed yesterday. The closing exercises were so interesting, that I desire to write at once and tell you something of them.

The pupils, with some of the parents, and a few visitors, assembled at half-past nine in the recitation room of the school. Pastor Iap, of the Second Church, had formerly conducted the examinations at the close of the year; but as he was absent, the Pastor of the First Church was invited to take charge on this occasion. The exercises were opened with singing. Pastor Chhoa then read a portion of the Scripture; he selected as the subject of a few excellent remarks, 2nd Tim. 3: 14-17. He spoke to the young ladies of the advantages they had received from having known the Scriptures, and told them that now their great business was to teach them to others. His remarks were followed by prayer.

As the pupils have made such good progress in the Romanized colloquial during the last year, it was thought advisable to have a thorough examination in all the studies where these books have been used. The older girls, after an exercise in reading, repeated from memory the Psalms they have committed, having just finished and reviewed the first thirty. These were selected from the many Bible lessons learned during the year, as giving a fair specimen of work they have done. Then followed the examination in Geography; the recitations from the text book were well given; after which, oceans, seas, rivers, countries, towns, etc., were pointed out from the outline maps with the greatest accuracy. This examination was one of the most interesting of the morning; many of the lessons were repeated first by each pupil alone, then by the class in concert.

The examination in Arithmetic was the last one in colloquial; the answers given, the repetition of the table of weights and measures, and the work of the young ladies at the black-board, were all most satisfactory. As this branch has been by far the most difficult to teach, it was a real pleasure to hear the ready explanations, and the application of the rules in each division of the study; and more than all, it clearly proves that Chinese girls *can* be taught to think for themselves if sufficient care and training is given them.

The pastor then took charge of the remaining examinations, which included all the lessons prepared in the character throughout the year. A class of young ladies have just finished Genesis, this being their first attempt in reading the Old Testament Scriptures; as they are more difficult, their attention before this has been given

entirely to the New Testament. After this came the recitations of other classes, and finally, all, down to the youngest children had passed the ordeal of a public examination. The pastor expressed great satisfaction at the close; he said the lessons had been carefully prepared and well recited. The parents seemed much pleased, and were very thankful for what had been done for their daughters. I greatly wish that all who have contributed to the support of this school could have been present. I feel sure they would never regret any sacrifice made in its behalf. After a few remarks and prayer by the teacher, Liông-ló, we sang the doxology, and received the benediction from the pastor. Thus closed one of the most pleasant and happy mornings I have spent in China. It shows us what can be done; and we trust that it is only the beginning of a glorious work which shall yet be accomplished for the daughters of this people.

The oldest pupil is now so far advanced in the study of the character that she has been promoted, and will have charge of this department herself the coming year. We are thus able to dismiss the teacher we have previously employed, and are much pleased to see this young lady in a position of such usefulness. It is indeed a step in advance.

The attendance has not been as large as last year; we have had but twenty-two instead of thirty pupils. We felt obliged to allow no children under ten years of age to enter as day scholars, and none under twelve as boarders. We found that here as in other places, some mothers found the school room a convenient place to send their little girls who were too young to be of use at home, and we do not find their absence to be a loss.

Since the school room was opened six years ago, fifty-seven pupils have been, at different times, in attendance. Sixteen of this number have been received into the Church; these all have the opportunity of imparting the knowledge they have gained, to the many ignorant ones around them. The pastor's idea of the school is just the right one. We sincerely trust the young ladies will not only be well taught themselves, but that it will be their earnest endeavor to instruct those with whom they live and associate.

THE INSTRUCTION OF THE WOMEN.

The Rev. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D., contributes the following paper in relation to the condition of the Chinese women at Amoy, and the vicinity, especially valuable at the present time :

In our Mission Report for 1875, in treating of the subject of women's work under the head of "Women's Meetings," I neglected to notice the effort commenced by the three young ladies, (Miss Van Doren and my two daughters,) to instruct the women at several of our out-stations. It has occurred to me that, while attempting to remedy this defect in the report, it might be well also to say something of the great need there is for the instruction of the women of our Churches, and of the little there has been accomplished in this direction. Perhaps it may do something towards strengthening the hands of those composing the Woman's Board of our Church.

You will not be surprised at the statement, that there is great ignorance among the women, and for that matter among the men too, but especially among the women, even in our Amoy churches. Much, however, has been done in the classes for women, conducted these many years by the ladies of the Mission, to remove this ignorance. The benefit derived by those who have been regular attendants at these classes, appears every Sabbath in the manifestly intelligent interest with which they listen to the preaching, and engage in the services of God's house. Many of them can read the New Testament, and all our colloquial books. They, therefore, have considerable acquaintance with Scripture history and doctrine, and in general intelligence, doubtless, far excel the heathen women around them. The benefit they receive of course does not terminate in themselves, but reaches to their families, and to the other women of the Church, and thus indeed to the whole Church.

Heretofore we have not been able to do anything effectively for the especial instruction of the women in our country Churches, and, therefore, their ignorance, with very few exceptions, is truly deplorable. I do not suppose that you, in our highly favored land, can have any adequate idea of it. They cannot read at all. Before they heard the gospel, they had never been taught even *to think* on any moral or religious subject, and had done very little *thinking* on any subject. The most of them were advanced in years, some

of them were very old, when they first heard the gospel. Some of them are widows, whose children, if they have any still living, are also unable to read. Of the most of them who have husbands, the husbands probably cannot read. The most of them live long distances from each other, and from the chapels. On Sabbath morning they carry their rice or potatoes with them to the chapels, to cook and eat for their dinner, between services. They must walk all the distance, both coming and going.

Now imagine the case of a woman brought up in heathenism, who must work hard for her living, who cannot read a word, whose parents, brothers, husband, children and associates can none of them read. At an advanced age she hears the Gospel for the first time. How is it possible to make her acquainted, even with the simplest doctrines of Christianity? She attends church as often as distance, and the weather, and her physical strength will permit. She hears the Scriptures read, but the facts and doctrines are all new to her, and her powers of mind, never cultivated, are becoming more and more feeble. How much can she comprehend, think you, of what she hears read? Even the greater part of the preaching, however simple you strive to make it, is entirely above her comprehension. You talk with her personally, and explain to her a few facts of the Gospel, and a doctrine or two, in the simplest language, and repeat your explanations over and over, until she seems to comprehend, and says, "Yes, I understand." How much will she remember by the next Sabbath, or perhaps a month after, the next time you meet her? I think our scientific and philosophic sceptics, whose only hope is in education, would soon give up all such cases as hopeless, and in fact as not worth saving. Well, we too give up all hope, except that which comes from the promise of the Holy Spirit's help.

Now you may say the above is an *extreme case*. Yes, it is an extreme case, but we have very many just such extreme cases. I have baptized many, both men and women, who had been living in just such circumstances, over sixty, over seventy, and some over eighty years of age. "The groanings" with which the Holy Spirit inspires them, they cannot *utter* in language intelligible to us, therefore we are compelled usually to keep such a long time, sometimes for years, before we feel justified in admitting them to the ordi-

nances of the Church; but He, who "knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit," will not delay the reception of any who truly seek Him, however dark their understanding, and feeble their mental powers.

I have admitted that the above is an extreme case, but after our Christian friends at home have done their utmost to picture to themselves the mental darkness of such extreme cases, I do not believe that the picture they form in their minds, is more than adequate to represent the mental darkness of the larger majority of the women in our country Churches when they first come under the power of the Gospel. Yet these persons are worth saving, and by the grace of God can be saved. He sends us here, and sends them to us, that we may instruct and enlighten them, and not only for their own profit, but also that they may be made blessings to their husbands, their children, and their neighbors, shining as lights in the darkness of heathenism by which they are surrounded. The practical question with us is, How shall we give them the instruction needed for this?

In the early part of last year, the young ladies commenced visiting some of the country stations, with the definite purpose of instructing the women, (and some of the children also,) teaching them, if possible, to read the romanized colloquial. They have visited the stations at Ang-tung-tau, Te-soa, Kang-tau, Opi, and, Chioh-be; some of these places several times. Sometimes they all went together, sometimes they went singly, or by twos.

They always meet with a hearty welcome, but, as you may well suppose, they meet also with many discouragements. Some of these will readily be inferred from what I have already written. The great ignorance of the women, which renders the instruction of them so necessary, renders them also insensible to its importance.

From the scattered nature of the country congregations, it requires great exertion, especially for old people, to get together for worship or study, and for the most of them it consumes the whole day. The morning service, on the Sabbath, necessarily cannot be very early, nor the afternoon service late. Between the services there is usually an interval of about two hours for cooking and eating. There is but little time to be devoted to study. How many such Sundays would it take, for an ignorant person advanced in life,

to learn to read? The most of these women could not, in this way, even learn the alphabet, for they have no one to teach them at home, and the very names of the letters are strange to them. Teaching only on the Sabbath then cannot accomplish very much in this matter. But cannot the women be induced to meet together on some day of the week also?

Besides the tiresome walks required, the struggle for mere subsistence by the great masses in China, is such as an American can scarcely conceive of. To take two or three days of the week, besides the Sabbath, from their ordinary labor, is more than these women can afford, and, if their husbands be not Christians, (and earnest and intelligent also,) more than would be allowed them. Only occasionally can week-day meetings be held, and these will not be attended by all. When we consider all these facts, the attempt to teach these women seems almost hopeless. Even if the physical strength of the young ladies fail not, it will require indomitable purpose, united with unwavering faith, to keep them from giving up in despair; and now, that the physician has ordered Miss Van Doren to take a trip home, their hands will be greatly weakened in this work.

After awhile, if we can find suitable native christian women taught by us, who are capable of teaching others, and who will be able to go from house to house, spending a few days at a time, at the various villages, and living with those, whom they go to teach, then we may hope to see more progress in this part of our work. In consequence of the discomforts, in which the masses of this people live, and the want of cleanliness, in their streets and houses, such a course cannot be entered on by any foreign ladies. It would very soon cost them their lives. It often takes some time, for the head and stomach to rally from the effects, even of walking through the streets, and making short visits in the houses. Not much romance, you see, connected with missionary work.

All then that we can hope for, at present, in this department, is that the ladies make occasional visits to the various stations, gather the women and children together at the chapels, as often and as many of them as they can. They will be able to communicate to all some christian truth, and in some minds incite some desire after more knowledge. A few of the younger and brighter

women, (and more of the children,) may be taught to read God's Word; but even this will be of incalculable benefit. It will tell for all time to come, on the welfare of those Churches, and therefore, though it costs much labor, it will be worth all the cost.

THE ARCOT MISSION, INDIA.

(Organized in 1854.)

The Mission occupies :

The North Arcot District.—Area, 5,017 square miles; population, 1,787,134.

The South Arcot District.—Area, 4,076 square miles; population, 1,261,846.

The force engaged consists of

Missionaries.—Revs. John Scudder, M.D., *Vellore*; E. J. Heeren, *Palamanaïr*; John H. Wyckoff, *Tindivanam*; and Henry M. Scudder, M.D., *Arcot*. Revs. Jared W. Scudder, M.D., Jacob Chamberlain, Jr., M.D., in this country, and Rev. Ezekiel C. Scudder, M.D., on his way to this country.

Assistant Missionaries.—The wives of the Messrs. Scudder, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Heeren, Miss Martha J. Mandeville, *Chittoor*, and Miss Josephine Chapin at present in this country.

Native Pastors.—Revs. Andrew Sawyer, *Chittoor*; Zechariah John, *Coonoor*.

Native Helpers.—Catechists, 19; Assistant Catechists, 3; Readers, 20; Schoolmasters, 16; Schoolmistresses, 15; Colporteurs, 11; total 84.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.												Contributions.		
	Out Stations.	Communicants in 1874.	Communicants in 1875.	Baptized Adults not Communicants.	Baptized Children.	Catechumens.	Children of Catechumens.	Suspended.	Scholars in Vernacular Schools.	Total in Congregations, 1874.	Total in Congregations, 1875.			
Arcot.....	3	61	62	52	80	25	37	4	119	232	260	R. 174	A. 13	P. 3
Arnee	3	44	43	11	50	3	4	4	48	107	115	27	4	5
Aliandal .....	..	26	26	6	34	4	1	1	25	69	72	13	0	0
Chittoor.....	5	108	96	34	73	50	64	..	146	358	317	176	15	0
Coonoor.....	1	68	62	51	82	...	...	2	53	212	207	122	4	2
Gnanodayam ..	3	62	61	9	85	2	3	..	59	149	163	30	6	4
Kattupadi .....	..	14	10	3	7	1	...	...	30	37	22	9	0	0
Kolapakam .....	..	...	21	..	15	1	...	...	15	...	38	3	12	0
Kundipatoor ...	..	25	26	5	15	5	6	1	54	54	53	25	9	0
Marutavambadi ..	..	15	16	9	28	2	1	..	10	56	56	15	9	3
Mudnapilly* . .	7	24	24	11	33	2	2	..	7	232	232	44	8	4
Narasinganur . .	..	...	30	2	36	4	8	..	22	....	80	9	15	1
Orattur .....	..	36	36	....	44	16	28	..	38	123	124	20	13	6
Palamanair*...	1	20	20	3	16	2	...	...	15	41	41	18	7	7
Satambadi.....	..	24	24	1	26	4	4	..	27	48	59	14	4	3
Sekadu.....	..	19	17	2	16	2	2	..	34	38	39	21	0	6
Vellambi .....	..	38	40	5	40	1	4	3	26	80	93	14	14	1
Vellore.....	11	154	166	52	219	31	28	1	500	687	483	242	2	6
Total....	34	738	780	256	899	155	192	16	1228	2523	2454	984	11	3

* Report of last year.

Rupees 984 in India are equal to about \$600 U. S. currency.

The *Arcot Seminary* for boys, at Vellore, has 40 pupils.The *Girls' Seminary*, at Chittoor, has 54 pupils.The *Preparandi Class*, at Arcot, has 25 pupils.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

ARCOT.

H. M. Scudder, M.D., *Medical Missionary*; Mrs. Scudder, *Assistant Missionary*; P. Souri, *Catechist*; Abraham Muni, John Peter, *Assistant Catechists*; Elias Isaiah, Arulandu, *Readers*; Joseph Sawyer, *Schoolmaster*; Gnanam, *Schoolmistress*; Paul, Aaron, M. Paul, *Colporteurs*.

Rev. John Scudder, M.D., reports :

Although the past year has not been remarkable for any striking results, yet the work has been steadily progressing. There has been an increase of members at all the stations. It is true that it is very small in some places, still there is an increase, and it shows progress. The total increase, for the year, amounts to twenty-eight. As usual there have been some changes in the congregation. A number of families have left the place, and some have come to us from other places. The communicants number one more than last year. Nine have been dismissed, four suspended; two have been received on confession of their faith, and twelve on certificate, leaving the present number sixty two. Eight adults and thirteen children have been baptized.

The Lord has been merciful to His people in this place. Though cholera has prevailed for many months, on every side, and in the midst of us, it has not claimed any of this congregation as its victims. Still it has come very near us. The eldest son of the Catechist, who was a student in the Vellore Seminary, came home as the cholera had broken out there. He had been here but a short time, when he was attacked by this fearful disease, which proved fatal in a few hours. He was a lad of much promise. His death was a great blow to his sorrowing parents, and a sad loss to the Mission. Though well aware that he must die, he was not afraid of death; but passed away rejoicing in his Saviour's love.

The usual Sabbath services have been regularly held, in the church, and two weekly prayer meetings at the houses of the Christians. The women's prayer meeting has also been maintained at the missionary's house, conducted by Mrs. John Scudder. The Lord's Supper has been administered four times. The contributions have amounted to Rs. 174 13 3, which is a considerable increase on last year. Of

this sum Rs. 51 4 0, were given for the support of the ministry. The attendance on the Divine services has been good and regular. The whole congregation are catechised weekly, after morning service. We have been compelled to exercise the discipline of the Church in four cases.

Vernacular Schools.—These are in a more satisfactory condition than during the previous year. The number of scholars has increased, and their progress has been more decided.

Out-Stations.—Kumalantangal has 6 Christian families of 24 souls; Manimuttu has 7 families of 31 souls, and Yegamoor 11 families of 45 souls, an increase of 2 families, and eleven souls.

Evangelistic Work.—In consequence of the prevalence of the cholera, this kind of work has been restricted. When possible tours were made; at other times, the Gospel was preached in the villages surrounding all our stations. We preached in 1,440 places, to audiences including 67,068 persons; gave away 220 books and tracts, and sold 1,208.

ARNEE.

V. Yesadiap, Simon, H. P. Joseph, *Catechists*; Subbar David, Samuel Vedamanikam, *Readers*; Samuel Isaiah, John Simon, *Schoolmasters*; Natchatram, Z. Souri, *Colporteurs*.

Out-Stations.—Sevur, Pudupakam, Parasur, Alliandal, Vellambi. Rev. John Scudder, M.D., writes:

There has been an increase at every place except Parasur. We have delayed from year to year, from withdrawing from this place, hoping that matters would improve, but our hopes have proved vain, and we have just decided to dismiss the Catechist and abandon this out-station. The other stations all show some progress. I have visited them as often as possible. The cholera has prevailed in some of them, but has claimed a very few Christians as its victims. The Reader, stationed at Sevur, died suddenly of heart disease.

Schools have been kept up at all the villages. Some of them are worthy of praise, while others are comparatively inefficient, being composed mostly of very young children.

Street preaching has been prosecuted by the helpers, with the following results: They have preached 1,677 times to 45,851 people, distributed gratuitously 269 books and tracts, and sold 699.

CHITTOOR.

Rev. Andrew Sawyer, *Native Pastor*; John Abraham, *Assistant Catechist*; Lazar, Joshua, Shadrach, Treadwell, *Readers*; Vareed, *Schoolmaster*; Alexander, *Colporteur*.

The following is a translation of the report of Rev. Andrew Sawyer:

Sabbath services, both in the morning and evening, have been regularly held. The Lord's Supper is administered every month. The whole congregation is catechized weekly, after the Sabbath morning service. Three prayer meetings are held each week in the houses of the Christians, and morning prayers are held every day in the mission compound. A women's weekly prayer meeting, conducted by Miss Mandeville, is also maintained. The congregation have listened attentively and earnestly to the preached Word, and have, I trust, made progress in divine knowledge.

Together with the Catechists, I have visited the surrounding villages, and gladly proclaimed the glorious Gospel, to those who are held in the bonds of iniquity and heathenish darkness, and we have joyfully borne the reproach, which has come upon us, from preaching salvation through Christ. We have preached 876 times, to 21,178 people, and distributed 198 books and tracts, and sold 950.

I have visited the out-stations monthly, and, besides inquiring into matters of interest, to the congregation, and examining the schools, I have preached to the people concerning sin, the wrath of God, and the Saviour, who removes our sins and gives eternal life to all who believe on him. May the Lord bless his Word to them, and lead them to accept his great salvation.

When I preach the truth to the heathen who do not care to hear, I often adopt the following plan: After lighting my lantern, I put it in a convenient place, for the gathering of the people, and commence by singing a lyric, (native tune). This soon attracts a large crowd. Then after speaking to them for a short time about their false gods, and the only true God, I sing another lyric, and speak

to them again about sin and its only way of removal, through the Saviour Jesus Christ. After another lyric, I speak to them about the joys of heaven and terrors of hell, then close with a prayer. By following this plan I command their earnest attention, even till the prayer is finished. May the Lord pour out his Spirit upon them, and enable them to forsake their idols and accept Christ as their Saviour.

COONOOR

Rev. Zechariah John, *Native Pastor*; Samson Samuel, *Catechist*; Francis Nathaniel, *English Teacher*; Daniel Ponan, *Reader and Tamil Teacher*.

Rev. Zechariah John reports :

I have no marked change to report, in the state of this congregation, compared with the preceding year. The flock of Christ has received twelve additions, but suffered a loss of nineteen. Seventeen dismissed to other Churches and two deaths, leaving the number at present at 173. Two adults from the heathen, and five infants have been added to the Church by baptism.

I am sorry to report, that the climate of the Hills, for the last few years, has not at all agreed with my constitution, and consequently, I have been obliged frequently to place myself under medical treatment, and have thus been prevented from discharging sundry duties, that should have been done by a pastor. The Sabbath services, however, have been held regularly, and the Word of God has been preached to over 13,000 of the surrounding heathen, and books and tracts distributed among them.

The Anglo Vernacular school, has been attended by 53 pupils. The average daily attendance has been higher than that of the previous year.

Kotagiri, Out-Station.—The congregation here, of communicants and adherents, still consists of 34 persons. In consequence of my sickness, I was unable to visit this station so frequently as heretofore, but the Catechist has rendered such services as his other duties would allow.

GNANODIAM.

Moses Nathaniel, Samuel Sawyer, *Catechists*; Souriappen, Christian Daniel, *Readers*; K. Zechariah, *Schoolmaster*; Anna, Amral, *Schoolmistresses*; Matthew, Sourimuttu, *Colporteurs*.

Out-Stations.—Arulnadu, Sattambadi, Siradulapundi, Paraiyantal.

The Rev. John Scudder, M.D., writes :

There has been an increase in members, at three places in this district, and a slight falling off in two, leaving a net increase of twenty five. Schools are maintained in all the villages, except Arulnadu, which is so near Gnanodiam that one school answers for both places. Several of the young men, in these places, ashamed of their ignorance, determined some time ago to learn to read, write and cypher. Thus far they have made commendable progress though they are able to spend but a short time in studying at night, after their day's work is done.

The helpers have continued to preach the Gospel in the surrounding villages, and at times have gone on tours to those at a distance. They have preached, in this branch of their work, 491 times to 8,385 persons, and distributed 235 books and tracts, of which 140 were sold.

MUDNAPILLY.

No report received.

PALAMANAIR.

No report received.

VELLORE.

Out-Stations.—Kattupadi, Kandiputtur, Sekadu, Vennampalli, Erantungal, Onrantungal, Karasamangalam, Tondantolasi, Karikiri, Marutuvambadi, Orattur, Adanur, Varikkal, Tandasamudram, Narasinganur, Kolapakam, Mandakapattu, Tindevanum.

Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D., John H. Wyckoff, *Missionaries*; Mrs. E. C. Scudder, *Assistant Missionary*; P. Jaganathan, Abraham Williams, A. Masillamani, V. Samuel, Joseph Paul, *Catechists*;

Israel Andrew, A. Solomon, Christian Samuel, David Iavoo, Yesadian, Antony, David Rungasawney, *Readers*; John Moses, *Schoolmaster*; Fanny, Martha, Mary Solomon, Mary Israel, *Schoolmistresses*; Rebecca, *Bible Reader*.

At the Out-Stations.—Nidian, Paul Bailey, Antony, Joshua, *Catechists*; Solomon, Babu, Prakasam, *Readers*; Francis, Souri Muttu, Peter, *Schoolmasters*; Elizabeth, *Bible Reader*.

The Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D., reports :

The past year has in many respects been a remarkably interesting and encouraging one. While on the one hand we have been confronted, in certain quarters, with undignified opposition, and subjected to petty annoyances; while again the conduct of some of those, formerly employed by us, has by its increasing depravity, added to our grief and brought shame and reproach to the cause of Christ, and while, yet again those who should work with us, have in many instances worked against us; we have on the other hand found abundance of encouragement and joy in our work, and have been blessed even beyond the measure of our hopes and anticipations. Surely, may we say that the Lord hath been with us.

In Vellore itself, the congregation has somewhat diminished in numbers. This is due partly to removals and deaths, (of which latter there have been an unusually large number, during the year), and partly to the secession of a few, to an atmosphere more in consonance with their tastes and feelings; in other words, to a Church which, under its present administration, is but little removed in spirit and practice from the Church of Rome. Such secessions as these are only an addition to our strength, some of those who left being tolerated simply as a necessity. There has been no change for the better, on the part of the ritualistic leader in this place, and all that could, has been said or done by him, derogatory to our interests. Where threats or persuasions have failed, worldly inducements have been made use of. Our Church has been pronounced no Church, our worship defective, our religion meaningless. Persons desirous of doing so have been forbidden to attend our meetings. Such opposition as this is, to say the least, undignified and unchristian. We are thankful to say, however, that we still survive, and that the Lord has not placed us in the catalogue of outcasts.

I am glad to report that, with a few exceptions, there is a good degree of spiritual warmth among us. The prayer meetings, on Wednesday evenings, have been remarkably well attended, fifty not unfrequently being present. These have been our best meetings, and I trust that we have all been profited and drawn nearer, one to the other, and to the Master by them. The other services have also been well attended, in the main, and the usual women's and week day prayer meetings attended with interest.

Rev. Mr. Wyckoff has also held a weekly service in English during a good part of the year, for the benefit especially of those whose spiritual privileges are limited, and in whom we felt a deep interest. It was begun with the purest of motives, and purposely appointed on a day when there could be no conflict with any other service whatever. For this we were taken to task and even requested to give it up, on the ground of its being an interference. We could not, however, conscientiously abandon it, nor could we, by any trust of logic, understand how one could talk of interference after he had come among us, set up a new organization; disturbed relations that had existed for more than twenty years; used every persuasion and artifice to create disaffection, and wrest our people from us, and received all who came to him without discrimination or courtesy.

It gives me pleasure to say that this service was appreciated, well attended, and, we trust, blessed to those who participated in it. Many regret that, with Mr Wyckoff's departure, it must be discontinued. This, however, is unavoidable, for it is an impossibility for the missionary in charge, with all his duties, to keep it up.

VERNACULAR SCHOOLS.

It is pleasant to be able to report that special pains have been taken with our schools. The consequence is they have increased in number of scholars, and in general interest. Those in Vellore, of which there are two, one for boys, and one for girls, have been taught by young graduates of our Seminary, and have been particularly well managed. The girls' school has doubled in numbers during the year. The boys' school, at present, numbers 59 and is composed of Hindoos, Mahomedans, Christians and Pariahs. In the

surrounding villages, the day and especially the night schools have been maintained with efficiency, and the desire to receive instruction, both in the young and old, is on the increase. In two of the villages, viz: Kandiputtur and Sekadu, the schools were examined by the Government Inspector, and a grant of about Rupees 70 realized. This growing desire for knowledge is a most encouraging feature in our work, and is, I trust, the harbinger of better things; of more reliable and hopeful success.

READING ROOM AND LIBRARY.

The second year, of this, has been as successful as its first, as the figures below testify. Many persons have heard the Gospel, and a goodly number of tracts, books, and Scripture portions have been disposed of. One Catechist and sometimes two have been in attendance, for five days of each week, devoting from two to three hours in preaching and conversing with the people. The only drawback, to complete success, is the want of a suitable room. The present quarters are contracted, dark and uninviting; still with all these disadvantages, large numbers have constantly been in attendance. An attempt was made, in the early part of the year, to secure a more favorable location, but this was frustrated by some members of the local board, who are adverse to every thing that savors of Christianity. The work done, in connection with this room, is as follows:

Number of times in which the Gospel was preached.....	236
“ of people reached.....	18,135
“ of religious tracts and books sold.....	975
“ of Bibles and portions, “	76
“ of Educational works, “	662

STREET PREACHING.

This has been prosecuted as usual, according to the extent of our opportunities and capacity. So much time is consumed in superintendence, visiting distant Christian villages, and other duties, that very little is left for this important work. I have been able to go out, exclusively for it, but once or twice during the year. The people seem more ready than ever for the Gospel, listening to it more intently and intelligently, and yielding a more ready assent to

its truths. It is therefore a source of great regret, that we cannot devote more time to its proclamation among the heathen. This we cannot do till our force is sufficient for the field we occupy. While our cares are on the increase, our working force is on the decrease, and unless we are reinforced, we can look for but little progress. One tour, made with Revs. John Scudder and Wyckoff, was specially interesting. Among other places visited was the town of Godiatum. Twelve years since, in preaching through the streets of this place, our tracts were torn to atoms and thrown over the heads of our Catechists. On the present occasion the audiences were large, respectful and intensely attentive.

Preaching in and about Vellore, sums up as follows:

Number of places preached in.....	2,784
“ of people reached.....	62,200

These statistics embrace the labors of the native helpers, in Vellore and 7 surrounding villages, and include several tours made by Abraham Williams in the District.

Statistics of preaching by the helpers, in 6 of the Southern villages, under my charge:

Number of places preached in.....	575
“ of people reached.....	17,100

VILLAGES.

There is very little to add regarding the village work in the vicinity of Vellore. It has in the main gone on satisfactorily, and I am able to commend the conduct and labors of most of those in charge of the congregations. In two of the villages, however, the want of harmony among the people, coupled with a general spirit of apathy, has proved adverse to all progress. The difficulty lies in a great measure with the helpers in charge, one of whom I have been forced to dismiss, the other to remove to a different village. This I trust will effect a change for the better. One great obstacle in the way of this village work, is the want of strong, reliable and faithful helpers. It is a most difficult matter to find them, and our only hope is from our Seminary. Most of them drawn in from without are inefficient and unreliable, as we should naturally expect; each Mission retaining its own best men. We hope the difficulty will

be gradually remedied by the employment of our own trained men. I cannot help again urging our Board to bear in mind, and not to rest till they have supplied this institution with a well trained Godly man, who will throw his whole force and time into it.

Of the Southern villages, under my charge, I have had occasion to write once and again during the course of the year. Some of them have been a source of great comfort and joy to us, and we have reason to thank God for the abundant success that has attended our labors in that region. We have a few faithful men there, to whose efforts and steadfastness, by the blessing of God, this may in a good measure be attributed. A large number have been received into the Church, by baptism, during the year. On one occasion, and at one service, I had the privilege of baptizing 60 souls, at another 67. Such large ingatherings as these, I had never thought of as possible, even in my most sanguine moments. These people have been under instruction for more than three years, and have shown their desire for, and appreciation of the truth by their diligence and perseverance in acquiring a knowledge of it. Some of them have manifested a special aptitude for learning as well, and we have been highly pleased with their conduct thus far. In the village of Narasinganur, where four years since the Gospel was unknown, there is not a single heathen to-day. While strong bodies of Christians, in some of the others, lead us to hope that the time is not far distant when the same may be said of them also. In a recent tour, among these villages. I baptized, in all, more than 90 souls, and in two of them we hope soon to establish Churches. A request to this effect was sent in to our last Classis meeting, and a committee was appointed, to form a Church, at Narasinganur, and another at Kolapakam, which shall be common to that village, and its neighbor Mandikapattu one mile distant. We hope the Lord will bless these new organizations, and that as lights in the midst of the surrounding darkness they may lighten many into the Kingdom of God.

I cannot close my report without expressing my great satisfaction at the appointment, by the Mission, of Rev. Mr. Wyckoff, to Tindivanum. I have long felt that this was a necessity. It is utterly impossible to work the villages in that region with any degree of satisfaction, from our distant points of occupancy.

They are large and interesting villages, and need the presence, superintendence and instruction of a Missionary. From Tindivanum they can be easily reached. In fact upon the completion of the rail road, which is nearly ready to be opened, some of them will be only one hour and a half distant. Aside from this, there are, as I have stated in former reports, many inquirers in that part of the field. One village, pledged themselves to us, on my last visitation in December last, and I know of at least two others that have expressed a desire to join us. A fine field will be opened before Mr. Wyckoff. He will have abundance to do, and I trust the Lord will bless him in his new undertaking. In delivering over to him the villages, hitherto cared for by me, in that region, I do it with a certain degree of pleasure, inasmuch as I feel persuaded, that instead of being a burden, they will be to him, as they have been to me, a comfort in missionary work.

PREPARANDI SCHOOL

John Peter, *Teacher*.

The Rev John Scudder reports:

There were 25 scholars at the beginning of the year. Of these, five were transferred to the Vellore Seminary, five were advised to return to their homes, as they were incapable of learning, and two ran away from the school. Twelve new scholars have been received, leaving the number, at present, the same as at the beginning of the year. The teacher has been faithful in the discharge of his duties, and the lads have made commendable progress in their studies, which they recite weekly to Mrs. John Scudder. They were examined by the Government Inspector of Schools, and nearly all passed a creditable and successful examination.

THE CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOLS AT VELLORE.

Of these Mrs. E. C. Scudder writes as follows:

These schools were under the care of Miss Mandeville until April, when she removed to Chittoor to take charge of the Female Seminary there. Her departure is a great loss to the schools, but I have given them as much time and attention as could be spared

from other numerous duties. They continue to prosper, and we hope to accomplish a good work among the class of people for whom they were established. 180 girls are now studying in the two schools, and the number still increasing. Fifty girls have passed the Government standards of examination this year, and the result grant for one school is Rs. 542. The other is yet to be examined. The secular instruction is thorough and efficient, and the Scripture lessons are learned with great interest by the little girls, and with little or no opposition from their parents. The anniversary, recently held, was attended by a large and interested audience of native gentlemen, who expressed great pleasure on witnessing the proficiency of the little girls in their lessons. Their sewing was also greatly admired and commended. There seems no reason why the schools should not go on increasing in numbers and influence, and gaining the favor of the people, if they could only have proper superintendence. But the cares of the resident missionary lady are too great, and we very much need one specially appointed to this work.

THE GIRLS' SEMINARY, CHITTOOR.

No report received.

THE ARCOT SEMINARY, VELLORE.

Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D., writes:

I am glad to be able to give a *good* report of this Institution. The close of the year finds it in a prosperous condition, far in advance of any thing it can boast of for certainly the past two years. This is due in the main to two causes, one is that we have weeded out the unprofitable stock, leaving only the bright and promising lads, the other that we have secured the services of an able and reliable man, to take charge of it; a man that has had 20 years of experience in teaching in one Institution, belonging to the Church Mission Society, and who is already leaving his impress for good upon the lads under his instruction. Every effort is being made to render this institution as efficient as possible. The standard for admission has recently been raised, and each lad is received on probation for six months, before being regularly admitted. By this means we hope to improve the scholarship, and secure the best of material to work upon.

This school has just been examined by the Government Deputy Inspector of Schools, and by a Committee appointed by the Mission for the purpose. On both occasions the lads acquitted themselves remarkably well, scarcely making a failure in any of the branches studied during the year. It reflected great credit upon the teachers, who, I am glad to say, have manifested a spirit of enthusiasm in the discharge of their duties, and devoted all their energies to the interests and improvement of the boys. The latter received the commendation of the Inspector, as well as of the Mission Committee. As the Chairman of the latter will present his report on the subject, I need not dwell farther upon it. Both Mr. Wyckoff and Mrs. Scudder, have rendered valuable and efficient aid in teaching during the year, for which both scholars and teachers are thankful.

I cannot leave this subject without urging upon the Board the necessity of sending a man out specially for the Institution. Its indispensableness is felt every day. The fact that a good native teacher has been secured does not in the least affect the question. It still needs the impress of a western mind, western discipline, and a western code of morality, to make the boys strong and efficient, and not till these are secured, will they go forth thoroughly armed, as far as human training goes.

We have been terribly afflicted, and bowed down, by the entrance of the choiera among our lads, at the close of the year. Suddenly, at night, it came upon them, and though the school was dispersed a few hours after its appearance, the work was already done. Three of those who went to their homes, in apparent health, were soon prostrated and carried off, and two, after lingering a few days here, passed away. The death of one of them was especially trying, it having occurred after a week of noble self-sacrifice, on his part, in looking after his sick companions, day and night, with even more than a brother's love. He left us to visit some friends, 10 miles distant. We felt fearful to let him go, but after his labors of love were unable to resist his entreaties. In a few hours we were shocked to hear that he too was gone. Never have our hearts so overflowed with sorrow, as over the death of these dear boys. They were promising lads, uniformly well conducted, and had endeared themselves to us in many ways. We deeply sympathize and mourn

with their parents, whose loss is irreparable. Two of them were sons of our Native Pastors, and one, the first born of a faithful Catechist.

THE DISPENSARY AND HOSPITAL.

No report received.

THE JAPAN MISSION.

(Organized in 1859.)

Missionaries at Yokohama, Rev. S. R. Brown, D.D., James H. Ballagh, E. Rothesay Miller; *Assistant Missionaries*, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Ballagh, Mrs. Mary E. Miller, Miss Emma C. Witbeck.

At Tokiyo, Rev. G. F. Verbeck, D.D.; *Assistant Missionary*, Mrs. Verbeck.

At Nagasaki, Rev. Henry Stout; *Assistant Missionary*, Mrs. Stout.

THE YOKOHAMA STATION.

The Rev. Dr. Brown has devoted himself mainly to the translation of the Scriptures, and has given a few hours every week to the young men in preparation for the work of Evangelists.

The Rev. Mr. Miller has divided his time between the instruction of the Theological class and the instruction of the girls attending the Ferris Seminary.

The Rev. James H. Ballagh has continued to act as the pastor of the Church at Yokohama, has superintended the services held at Kanagawa, and has preached the Gospel in the district around Yokohama whenever opportunities have been presented. He has also expended much time and effort upon the Theological class. He sends the following report from the Native Church, which deserves special attention. This Church was organized on the 10th day of March, 1872, and is therefore only four years old. The record of its present strength, spirit and usefulness is remarkable. Mr. Ballagh writes:

The Church statistics, which are kept entirely by the Elders, are as follows : No. of Baptisms of adults from March, 1875 to March, 1876, fifty-six ; received by certificate, 3 ; dismissed to the Church at Yedo, 24, to Churches at other places, 4 ; died, 2 ; members residing at Yokohama, 84 ; in other localities, 36 ; total membership, 120. Baptized children, 16.

A number of baptisms of persons living a considerable distance away from Yokohama have taken place, and the number of applicants who have been delayed is unusually large. Probably as many as twenty-five or thirty applications for baptism have not been granted as yet. Several have turned away entirely on being refused.

The development, the care and training of the present Church membership, rather than efforts toward increasing it, have been our aim and endeavor the past year. The Church is altogether in a healthy and stable condition, exhibiting many evidences of increase of knowledge and of grace on the part of nearly all of its membership. A few have given us anxiety by reason of their non-attendance on Sabbath services and non-observance of the Lord's Supper. In some cases there are extenuating circumstances, on which it is difficult to decide. We have in the four years history of the Church had no cases of discipline beyond suspension from communion.

The statistics show how largely this Church is a feeder to the Church at the capital. To other churches this Church at Yokohama from the outset, has been blessed in being able to contribute men to labor in their behalf. To the Churches at Osaka, Kobe, and Kioto laborers have been furnished. Within the past year two Elders have gone forth, one to establish a Church at Hirosaki, and the other more recently at Niigata. Both of these brethren in conjunction with the Missionary brethren, with whom they labor, have been very successful in already establishing a Church or gathering materials for so doing. The Church at Hirosaki was organized last summer. By last accounts it numbered upwards of thirty members, and they have been making strenuous exertions to obtain a place of worship. This Church made them last summer a contribution of \$36, and have just voted to add \$34 more to it. A member of this Church, an ice merchant at Hakodate, the only

man in the church making anything above a bare livelihood, will add something handsome we trust, so that they will be able to get a desirable place of worship.

These accounts and amounts, so trifling in themselves, are very important as showing the spirit of consecration and self-support developed in those beginners in the school of Christ. The Church at Yokohama, in proportion to its numbers, is probably the poorest church in the Empire, Hirosaki excepted. There are no wealthy or influential men whatever in the congregation, the ice merchant excepted. So our contributions are not to be estimated by the amounts given, so much as by what we have left. In amounts contributed, however, we have just cause for thankfulness. The church collections in the year have amounted to \$112.91, and special collections to \$118.23, giving a total of \$231.14. Besides this there have been contributions for sundry expenses of which no account has been kept.

In the systematic administration of Church affairs there has been a very marked advance. The Eldership has been increased from one Elder to five, and two more Deacons have been added. All of these are competent men, able to teach as well as to govern. In Church work they take a responsible part. They conduct the Wednesday evening prayer meetings, and instruct the four companies or class meetings of the Church members. On Sabbath evenings they take turns in preaching at Kanagawa, and at the meeting at the Woman's Union Mission School-room. One of them also holds a supplementary Sabbath service at the Ferris Seminary.

The Sabbath-school under the care of a native superintendent, with my wife as an assistant, numbers about twenty children and adults. It is small because there are a number of Sabbath-schools here under foreign supervision. This school, however, as a training institution is invaluable. Two or three of the teachers have started another school of about twenty scholars, at Kanagawa. In them all, as well as in the large and successful Sunday-school in the Ferris Seminary, the Japanese Catechism is thoroughly taught. This Catechism is an epitome of the Shorter Catechism, which has proved itself a very acceptable aid to most of the Missionary brethren. So much so that some of our English Baptist brethren have adopted it, altering the answer to the question, "Who are to be baptized?"

Calls have come frequently for the Church to send helpers to Nagasaki, to Niigata, and to various places in the interior. We have not been able to reply as we would like to do, except to Niigata. For this place the Church generously gave up one of its Elders, who was one of its most promising and useful men, to whom a good part of the membership looked for their future pastor. A similar call is made on us from a place half-way to Niigata, which one of the Elders has consented to visit. He may continue there until a church be established. Rev. Mr. Miller has lately been much engaged with a Committee of the Elders, in drafting rules for the Constitution of the "Middie Assembly," or Classis. The Consistory will be called the "Little Assembly," and the Synod the "Great Assembly." These names are taken from the national system of educational institutions, which are called the Little, Middle, and Great Schools. In the vernacular they are short names, and so preferable to any we could give. The rules have mostly been compiled from the Constitution of the Reformed Church, with whatever is good in that of the Presbyterian Church, and will commend themselves, we believe, to all branches of the Reformed family.

The completion of two very important buildings during the year forms a very gratifying feature of the work of our Mission. The Native Church building, and the Ferris Seminary for girls are a credit to our Christian civilization, and by their eligible and commanding positions and superior style of workmanship, and by their convenience, commend themselves to all as well as to those for whose especial benefit they have been erected. The Church was dedicated in July with appropriate and very interesting services. The generous gifts of a full communion service, a bell, and the promise of a memorial window, from generous members of our Reformed Church, fill our hearts with encouragement and thankfulness. While for the interest taken in the Ferris Seminary by our Woman's Board, and the generous gifts of the whole Church to sustain our work in Japan, through a year of great financial depression in America, we cannot be too thankful. We are assured that the Church, to whom belongs the honor of first commissioning messengers of Christ to go to this land, will not allow any lack of zeal to support them and make their work a success. Though

your Missionaries are few in number, compared with some other and larger bodies, yet God's favor has continued to abide upon them and their labors in a degree for which we cannot be too devoutly thankful.

THE FERRIS SEMINARY, YOKOHAMA.

Mrs. Mary E. Miller, Miss Emma E. Witbeck, *Teachers.*

The following extracts are taken from the annual report.

The school building was commenced just about a year ago, but we had waited so long for it that the scholars had given up all hope of seeing it. The contract was signed just after the first of January, and yet we hardly dared to trust our senses till the frame was raised and stood out a tangible reality, to be seen all over Yokohama. There is a Yokohama proverb that whoever builds a house lessens his chances of reaching heaven, but we are happy to state that the patience-trying Japanese carpenters were much more amenable to reason than usual, for though there were some hindrances and provoking differences of opinion, still we were able to open school on the first of June. If we had consulted our inclinations we would have put off the opening to September, but knowing the Japanese character, we were afraid that if we did so, by the end of three months there would be no scholars to enter school, so we determined to keep the girls with us for two months, and then send them away for a vacation of six weeks.

We opened the school on the first of June with fourteen scholars, all of whom had been with us in our day school on Noge Hill, while about five of those who had been coming there did not move over with us to the "Ferris Seminary." During July two little girls came from near Ozaka to be boarders, and two others from Yokohama as day scholars. So that when we closed at the end of July, there were eighteen scholars, the most of whom were from Yokohama.

After our vacation of six weeks, we again opened school on the 15th of September. Five of our scholars had left, one a girl of only fifteen, to be married, and three of the little ones to be sent back when they grow older, so their friends said, but that does not insure our even seeing them again. One of the day scholars became a boarder, as also two of our former pupils from Noge Hill.

One other day scholar came, and by the end of the month we had fifteen, for two of the older girls did not come back until the end of the next month. One of these was Rio, the scholar who has been with us the longest. She had been visiting her relations in Yedo, and while there had been sent to the Government girl's school, which is under the patronage of the Empress. She was glad to get back, and said she would learn much better here than at the Capital.

After the vacation we found that our former Japanese teacher for the girls had not been all that was desired, so we dismissed her, and after some time secured our present teacher, quite a remarkable woman in her way, who had been a sort of Shinto priestess, and was known to Okuno, the Elder, some twenty years ago. She is very learned, and the girls are making excellent progress in reading and writing both Chinese and Japanese under her teaching. She was recommended so highly that Mr. Miller has taken her for his teacher in the morning. Indeed, there are said to be few like her even in the Capital.

Before Christmas three more pupils joined us, making in all nineteen. Since the new year began, six new boarders and three day scholars have entered, one of them our former pupil. We have also applications for several others. At present, then, we have twenty-eight scholars, of whom five are day pupils. The most of these are little girls whom we expect to have with us for several years.

Four of the older girls, three of whom are members of the Church, assist us in taking care of the little ones, and in teaching them to learn their lessons. To each of these girls we pay five dollars a month, three of which they repay for their board. Three of these girls are supported by different Mission Bands at home.

We can, indeed, look back on this, our first year, with thankfulness; one source of which, and one that may seem strange to you, is that our school was not very large when we began. But we needed experience, as who, indeed, does not, and even a family of fourteen is no small beginning for a novice.

Our Japanese cook has been a treasure, and upon him rests the whole burden of providing for the girls' table, we having merely to give general directions. We have a gardener and five house servants

of the latter two and a half, if we may be allowed such an expression, we regard as belonging to the school. They have been with us from the beginning and are very faithful and diligent.

Though most of our girls are from Yedo and Yokohama, generally being daughters of government officials, yet we have pupils from different parts of the Empire; from Nagasaki in the extreme south-west; from near Ozaka and Kioto, the western capital, both of which are at about the centre of the main island; from Kishiu, at the entrance of the Inland Sea, and from Shimo Teuke, about one hundred miles north of Yedo.

The boarders pay three dollars per month, and the day scholars one dollar. This, of course, is out of proportion, but we wish to encourage the boarders, as we have so much more influence over the girls who are with us in the house all the time. These three dollars just cover the expense of their board, which is of the best Japanese food, better than that which they get at their own houses. It is of fish, rice, eggs, and all kinds of vegetables, but no meat, bread or milk. We should like to give each of them a glass of milk a day, but it would cost fifteen dollars a month to do so. The girls furnish all their own books and stationery, and bedding. They all dress in their own becoming clothing.

Our school hours are from 9 to 12.30 in the morning, for English; opening with a singing exercise and prayers, reading the Bible in English and explaining it in Japanese. We have some half a dozen classes, which, however, are not all entirely distinct—the girls who are together in one class being sometimes separated in others. Our English branches at present are First Lessons in Philosophy, Physiology, History, Botany, Quackenbos' Composition, Reading, Spelling, History, Arithmetic, Geography and Conversation, all of which the girls are required to translate from the English text books, giving double work to them as well as to their teachers. Besides these, some of the older girls are learning to play on the melodeon, and we hope before very long they will be able to play at the Japanese Church service. Our English examination we had just before Christmas, and it was very creditable to the girls, although they were pretty well frightened. The older scholars can understand almost everything that is said to them in English, and are improving in speaking, though all of them are too timid. Some of our pupils are

so bright that our chief trouble is to keep them back with their classes. The four older girls, to whom we pay five dollars (about equal to American gold) a piece every month, are a great assistance to us. It is our idea, and we are sure you will see the wisdom of it, to prepare these girls, as soon as possible, to become teachers in the school, that there may be no necessity to send a corps of teachers from home.

THE NAGASAKI STATION.

The Rev. Henry Stout gives the following account of the year :

In making a report of the Mission at Nagasaki for the year 1875, it is a source of great pleasure to be able to say that the Mission has made advances and gained ground now actually held, giving us an opening for wider and greater work beyond.

As to the first, the ground gained and now held, we report : that during the year two regular services on Sundays and one on Wednesday evenings have been sustained, besides, at different times evening meetings for one or two weeks in succession, making in all during the year about two hundred preaching services in the chapel. The Sunday morning services have been attended principally by those more particularly interested in the truth, numbering from twenty to thirty, sometimes increased by casual hearers to sixty or seventy. The evening services have been more largely attended and by a more promiscuous audience, ranging from fifty to two hundred hearers. Many of these have been people from other and quite distant places.

A regular Saturday evening prayer-meeting has been maintained in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Mission, attended by from fifteen to twenty natives. The Week of Prayer was also observed and the meetings well attended.

A number of preaching tours have been made to places in the vicinity of Nagasaki, where the seed has been sown in the hearts of individuals by the way, in boat and rest-houses, and to audiences in hotels and temples, where sometimes hundreds have heard the truth. This is a most hopeful feature of the work.

A class of half a dozen young men has been instructed in the elementary English branches and the Bible, and Mr. Segawa in addition has given instruction in sermonizing and Church History.

Through the book-store on the chapel lot 511 volumes have been sold, bringing \$95.70. The books were Japanese, Chinese, and English. A few only were strictly religious works. One hundred and fifty Bibles and portions, mostly translations of the Gospels, have been disposed of. During the tours made, a great many little tracts and portions of Scripture were distributed, generally by gift. That it must be by gift we deplore, but it seemed unavoidable.

This is the ground occupied during the year. And we report it held for reasons such as the following: At the beginning of the year, of the four persons baptized previously, but one, Mr. Segawa, remained with us, the others having removed. During the year seven adults (six men and one woman) and two children have been baptized, and they are all walking worthy of the name they bear. All the men take part in public prayer, and four of them often speak publicly for Christ. All seem earnest and zealous for the cause they have embraced, and do much to recommend it to others.

The work carried on, we feel, has had a good effect in overcoming strong prejudices that have so long existed here. Not that all prejudice is disarmed, but a favorable impression has been made on the people at large. This is manifest in various ways, but by nothing more clearly than by the fact that whenever abroad men have been met who have been at the chapel, or know of the preaching there, they are found more approachable.

As to the door of wider usefulness that opens beyond, it may be said that while the novelty of hearing a foreigner preach, and a curiosity to know something of this new doctrine have been somewhat satisfied, so that at the chapel the audiences are not so promiscuous and sometimes not so large, the services are still well attended, and we have a more interested class of hearers. We have good ground to hope for favorable results of this seed sowing.

The visits to other places made in touring have been most satisfactory, and no doubt when the spring opens so that we can again be in the field, we shall find golden opportunities to preach the Gospel. In the Island of Amakusa a community of the descendants of the former Christians, not yet in communication with the priests, have been met. The village head-man, not a Christian, helped the young men greatly to preach to these people. They have asked that some one come to instruct them. A few others in different places have made like requests.

The ordinances of the Church have been observed—the baptisms taking place in the chapel at the regular Sunday morning services, and the Lord's Supper being observed at the Mission residence. This course has been followed, because as yet a Church has not been organized, and it is only recently that it has been practicable to do so. It is now under consideration, and we hope soon to report it an accomplished fact.

From all that we experience we are persuaded that while “there are many adversaries,” a “great door and effectual” is being opened for the Gospel, and that even though the Government should not proclaim religious liberty, the next few years will be full of great events that will redound to the glory of God in the establishment of the kingdom of Christ in Japan, and that this portion of the Empire will also participate in the blessing.

Our report would be incomplete without acknowledging the Christian sympathy and aid received from friends both here and at home. Our chapel services in the evening are always enlivened by the presence and assistance in singing of some of the resident foreigners. Contributions have not been wanting, among which the receipt of a communion service, the gift of friends in the Church at North Branch, N. J., is specially worthy of mention. It is most acceptable and highly appreciated by the recipients.

INDIAN AGENCIES.

A consolidation of agencies has been effected by Mr. John P. Clum. The Apachés, Apaché Yumas and Apaché Mohaves, about 2,000 in number, were successfully conducted to the San Carlos division of the White Mountain Reservation, by Mr. Oliver Chapman. The Coyatero Apachés, numbering about 1,500, were induced to remove from Camp Apaché, on the White Mountain Reservation, to the San Carlos division. Mr. Clum, already in charge of 1,300 Pinal and Aravaipas Apachés and Tontos at San Carlos, cheerfully assumed the care of these additional bands, and without military assistance, has managed this large body of about 5,000 Indians, recently classed with wild Indians, with great skill and success. Mr. Clum organized a body of mounted Indian policemen, to whom all these bands have readily submitted, and with this force order has been maintained without difficulty. The experiment, for

such it was, was regarded with a great deal of interest and considerable anxiety by the friends of the Indian, and the complete success in which it has concluded, shows that if the Agent is a man of the right kind, he alone, unassisted by military power, can control and improve large bodies of the most warlike Indians.

Mr. William E. Morford has succeeded J. A. Tonner, M. D., as Agent in charge of the *Colorado River Reservation*. Dr. Tonner resigned about the middle of the year, after having given about four years of service of great value. There has been very little change in the condition of the Indians on this reservation during the past year. The Reserve cannot be cultivated without irrigation. The canal for this purpose is not yet in good working order. The Indians have worked upon it cheerfully, are still engaged upon it, and are looking forward eagerly to the day when by it they will be enabled to raise the larger portion, and perhaps all of their food.

Mr. J. H. Stout, who has been for four or five years the faithful Agent of the Pimos and Maricopas, has been succeeded within a few months by Mr. Charles Hudson. The condition of the Pimos remains as it was. If retained upon the present Reservation, and so held in constant contact with the worst elements of frontier life, they are likely to continue to deteriorate until they shall be reduced to a mere remnant of what they have been, or become extinct through the loathsome vices introduced among them. These Indians have always been peaceful, have been among the best farmers in the Territory, have desired schools and the elements of civilization, and have received from white men instruction in the worst vices. Their tractable disposition has been used for their degradation and destruction. Unless they are removed to some more secluded location their extinction seems only a matter of time.

Another year has passed and the Board has still continued unable to send a Christian teacher to these more than 10,000 Indians, who are perishing in ignorance. They are ready to receive a teacher; many desire instruction; they greatly need the kind offices of Christian friends, but no one offers to go to help them, and the Church does not enable the Board to appoint any one as its Missionary among them.

AGENCIES EMPLOYED.

The Board has employed the returned Missionaries in visiting the Churches, and has published the letters of the Missionaries in the field, in the *Christian Intelligencer*, the *Sower and Gospel Field*, and the *Gospel Sower*. By these agencies only a small portion of the Church is reached during any year, and only a minority of the members and families of the churches are made acquainted with the work dependent upon their gifts and prayers. And this limited result is attained at an expense to our returned Missionaries of very questionable propriety. A returned Missionary, if he is absent from his family; if he forgoes the rest and comfort of home for nearly one-half of every week; if he gives himself dilligently to the work of visiting the churches, regardless of the weather and the exposure to which he may be subjected, can address between seventy-five and eighty churches, and the same number of Sabbath-schools, in the course of a year. Usually, he will in twelve months deliver about 150 addresses and sermons in churches, and about seventy-five addresses to Sabbath-schools, making a total of 225 speeches in the year. And this is the work of a man ordered to the United States by physicians, to recover from the sickness and debility produced by a residence of from seven to twelve or fifteen years in a tropical climate, and an atmosphere charged with malaria. This is an expenditure of strength of very questionable propriety.

The Corresponding Secretary is able to visit about thirty churches during each year. The Board, therefore, can usually supply one hundred churches, or one-fifth of the denomination, with an address in the course of a twelvemonth.

The Board is under great obligations to the faithful pastors, who have carefully presented the condition and wants of the Missions, and urged the people to carry on the work vigorously. These brethren are our main reliance, and we thankfully acknowledge the intelligent, persevering support given by them through this year of sore financial depression. But these pastors constantly ask for help. How can we help them? How can we bring this work, on which such vast interests are depending, home to the 42,000 families of this branch of the Church of Christ? Is it wise to demand such constant and exhaustive services from our returned Missionaries? Is it wise to depend as much as has been customary upon the ad-

dresses of a Corresponding Secretary? Ought we not to have some agency less dependent upon the state of the health of one or two men, less dependent upon the weather of a given Sabbath, determining the size of an audience—an agency more easily handled, less costly, and by which every family in the Church can be reached? The Board respectfully asks the advice of the General Synod upon this important matter.

FINANCES.

The receipts of the year have been: From Churches, \$31,791.54; Sabbath-schools, \$4,791.38; Individuals, through Churches, \$8,974.32; Individuals, not through Churches, \$3,589.93; Legacies, \$11,166.05; Miscellaneous sources, \$4,029.69; Total, \$64,342.91. The gifts from the Churches are \$2,834.76 less than those of the previous year, while those of the Sabbath-schools have increased \$386.57, those of Individuals, \$5,074.15, and the income from Legacies, \$8,138.17. The entire receipts show an increase of \$10,092.96 upon those of the last year.

The Board has repeatedly requested, during the year, a gift of one dollar from each of the 71,000 communicants connected with our branch of the Church. It may be profitable to ascertain what has been the response to this request. If we then deduct the \$11,166.05 received from legacies, and \$2,564.50 of the amount entered under miscellaneous sources, being derived from interest on the invested funds, and from the gifts from the Bible and Tract Societies, in all \$13,730.55, from the total of receipts, there are \$50,612.36 left as the contributions of the living members. But a farther examination of the record of receipts shows that 190 individuals, giving each \$5 or more, have contributed during the year \$9,163.90. Deducting this amount again, we have \$41,448.46 remaining as the sum of the gifts of the 71,000 members of our Church, or a little more than 58 cents from each member. It surely will not be claimed that we have given according to our ability.

The appropriations for the present year are: For the Amoy Mission, \$12,360; for the Arcot Mission, \$24,388; for the Japan Mission, \$14,900; for Home Expenses, \$6,450; total, \$58,098. The traveling expenses of Missionaries going to or returning from their fields of labor, will call for about \$5,000 more, making the amount to be raised for the expenses of the year about \$63,000.

The Board has reduced the estimates presented by the Missions as far as a due regard for efficiency would allow. The reduction cannot fail to injure the work in some degree. Nothing has been paid upon the debt. We are constrained to ask again for one dollar from each member of the Church during the fiscal year. There are to-day not less than 73,000 members in our communion, and not less than \$73,000 will meet our wants for the year. If the amount can be contributed in quarterly payments the Board will be relieved from the painful struggles that characterize the first four or five months of nearly every year.

THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

This active auxiliary has rendered service of the highest value during the year. By its efforts many families have been informed in regard to our Missions, and enlisted for their support, who have heretofore been indifferent. The payments into the Treasury from this organization have frequently brought relief when it was greatly needed. The entire receipts from this source have been about \$5,000. It is very desirable that a society of ladies, auxiliary to the Woman's Board, should be formed in every Church.

CONCLUSION.

The Missions are well prepared for efficient service. They are well furnished with buildings for Churches, schools and academies. They have a considerable body of experienced and trustworthy native helpers of all grades. They are superintended by a force of Missionaries admirably equipped for the work they are called to do. A position full of promise has been attained; Churches, schools, seminaries have been gathered and are in successful operation. Everything is ready for a vigorous advance into the outlying territory of pure heathenism; nothing is wanting except the earnest prayers and generous offerings of the Churches at home. And there must be an increase in gifts, or the position acquired by so much labor and expense, must be lost to a considerable extent. To stand still is impossible. Simply to conserve what has been attained is not possible. We must go forward or backward. We are surrounded by active and aggressive opponents and enemies, and unless we

are constantly overcoming them and winning them to our side, they will be steadily overcoming us. Surely, the Church which has so nobly sustained these Missions during the past twenty years, will not desert them now, when they are so well prepared for efficient service.

The term of office of the following members of the Board expires with the present session of the General Synod, viz.:

Rev. David Inglis, LL. D.,	Rev. James Demarest, Jr.,
“ E. P. Terhune, D. D.,	Theodore L. Mason, M. D.,
“ Philip Peltz, D. D.,	Mr. D. J. Steward,
“ C. L. Wells,	“ Wm. R. Janeway.

Adopted May 10th, 1876.

JOHN M. FERRIS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

GENERAL SUMMARY.

	CHINA.	INDIA.	JAPAN.	TOTAL.
Stations.....	1	8	2	11
Out-Stations.....	14	44	†	58
Missionaries.....	3	7	6	16
Assistant Missionaries.....	4	8	7	19
Native Ministers.....	3	2	.....	5
Catechists or Preachers.....	10	19	6	35
Assistant Catechists.....	.....	3	.....	3
Bible Readers.....	.....	20	.....	20
Schoolmasters.....	6	16	.....	22
Schoolmistresses.....	.....	15	.....	15
Colporteurs.....	.....	11	.....	11
Churches.....	7	18	1	26
Communicants.....	537	780	125	1442
Academies.....	.....	2	1	3
Academies, Scholars in.....	.....	94	28	122
Day Schools.....	4	40	3	47
Day Schools, Scholars in.....	101	1228	30	1359
Theological Students.....	7	*	12	19
Dispensaries, with beds.....	.....	1	.....	1
No. patients treated.....	No report			

* Almost the entire body of native helpers.

† Four or five places have been supplied with preaching.

TABULAR VIEW OF RECEIPTS

FROM

Churches, Sabbath Schools and Individuals.

CLASSES AND CHURCHES	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL.
Classis of Albany.				
Coeymans.....	\$75 97	.....	.....	\$75 97
Second Albany.....	522 14	\$25	\$100	647 14
First Albany.....	311 54	.....	1000	1311 54
Second Bethlehem.....	44 30	.....	14 60	58 90
New Baltimore	118 10	51 08	10	179 18
Knox.....	28	.....	.....	28
Second Berne.....	25	.....	.....	25
New Salem.....	.....	30	10	40
Fourth Albany.....	25	.....	.....	25
First Bethlehem.....	53 75	26 25	20	100
Clarksville.....	10	.....	.....	10
Jerusalem.....	6 09	.....	.....	6 09
Onisquethaw.....	4 66	.....	.....	4 66
Westerlo	25	.....	.....	25
Holland, Albany.....	10	.....	.....	10
Third Albany.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Bergen.				
First Hackensack	525	.....	390	915
English Neighborhood	50	12	10	72
Park, Jersey City	63 07	.....	100	163 07
New Durham	109 11	.....	.....	109 11
Schraalenberg	34 54	.....	.....	34 54
German Evan., Hoboken	5 82	15 80	.....	21 62
First Hoboken.....	4 32	.....	.....	4 32
Central Ave., Jersey City	8 75	.....	.....	8 75
Fort Lee	6	.....	.....	6
North Bergen.....	.....	10	.....	10
Second Hackensack.....	9 70	.....	.....	9 70
German, Hackensack.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Closter City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Palisades.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Guttenberg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL.
South Classis of Bergen.				
Bergen.....	\$372 30	\$46 09	\$181 71	\$600 10
South Bergen.....	26 29	30 54		57 23
West End.....		2 34		2 34
First Bayonne.....	23 15		5	28 15
Lafayette.....	265 50	36 78	58 25	360 53
Bergen Point.....		50		50
Free Jersey City.....	25 61			25 61
First Van Vorst, Jersey City.	50		60 25	110 25
Second Hudson City.....	18 71			18 71
First Jersey City.....				
Greenville.....				
Third Bayonne.....				
Classis of Cayuga.				
Syracuse.....	122 26			122 26
Chittenango.....	44 29	25		69 29
Owasco Outlet.....			50	50
Lysander.....	7 37			7 37
Naumburgh.....	2 85			2 85
Utica.....	166 01		440	606 01
West Leyden.....	7 50			7 50
Canastota.....				
Cicero.....				
New Bremen.....				
Owasco.....				
Thousand Isles.....				
Classis of Grand River.				
Second Grand Haven.....	19 67			19 67
Kalamazoo.....	30 28			30 28
Spring Lake.....	11 75			11 75
Muskegon.....		60		60
Classis of Geneva.				
Lodi.....	40 48	50	8	98 48
Fairhaven.....	34 20	15 80		50
Pultneyville.....		1		1
Marion.....	13			13
Tyre.....	8 16	18 25		26 41
East Williamson.....	15			15
Cato.....	12 50		10	22 50
Farmer Village.....	65		10	75
Rochester.....	57 25			57 25
Clymer.....	19			19
Mina Corners.....	19	4 75		23 75
Geneva.....	33 45		3	36 45
Arcadia.....				

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVIDU'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Geneva.				
CONTINUED.				
Buffalo.....				
Cleveland.....				
Caroline.....				
Dunkirk.....				
Ithaca.....				
Clymer Village.....				
Classis of Greene.				
Kiskatom.....	\$36 69			\$36 69
First Catskill.....	79 12	\$8 21		87 33
First Coxsackie.....	29 90	18 65	\$30	78 55
Second Coxsackie.....	88 08	15		103 08
First Athens.....	45			45
Roxbury.....	25 88			25 88
Prattsville.....	13 50			13 50
Leeds.....	30	10	50	90
Second Athens.....				
Moresville and Gilboa.....				
Classis of Holland.				
Third Holland.....	50 55			50 55
Vriesland.....	82 62			82 62
Ebenezer.....	7			7
Overysseel.....		28 28		28 28
Graafschap.....			10	10
Classis of Hudson.				
First Claverack.....	95		66 27	161 27
Greenport.....	87 25	35 50		122 75
Greenbush.....	86 20			86 20
Upper Red Hook.....	144 77	27 33		172 10
Hudson.....	673 77	206 17		879 94
Second Claverack.....	73 41	42 92		116 33
Germantown.....	36 28	10		46 28
Linlithgow.....	11			11
Taghkanic.....	48			48
Livingston.....				
Classis of Illinois				
First Pella.....	46 30			46 30
Bushnell.....	25 15	5	25	55 15
Davenport.....	10	4 25		14 25
Irving Park.....	15 64			15 64
Raritan.....	92	6		98
Fairview.....	45 90	79 10		125

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Illinois.				
CONTINUED.				
Peoria	\$9 21			\$9 21
Norris	5			5
Pekin				
Spring Lake				
Havana				
Second Pella				
Leyden Centre				
Otley				
Norwood Park				
Somerset				
Parkersburg				
Second Pekin				
Classis of Kingston.				
Clove	63 06	\$50 71		113 77
Dashville Falls	1 20			1 20
Marbletown	38 24			38 24
Rochester	30 47			30 47
New Paltz	191 09	40 58	\$96	327 67
Second Kingston	109 76	75		184 76
Guilford	20 75			20 75
Bloomington	30 50			30 50
North Marbletown	13 86	19 92		33 78
Hurley	46 42	30		76 42
Rosendale				
Sampsonville				
St. Remy				
North Classis of Long Island.				
Greenpoint	117 28			117 28
St. Peters, Booklyn	5	5	4 25	14 25
East Williamsburgh		40 52		40 52
Sayville	3 50			3 50
Oyster Bay	40 93			40 93
Locust Valley	15 51		5	20 51
Astoria	114 75	83 05	40	237 80
Newtown	51 18		515	566 18
Queens	33 18			33 18
Williamsburgh		42 10		42 10
South Bushwick		14	10	24
Bushwick	12			12
Flushing	29 24	30		59 24
Jamaica	36 62	15		51 62
North Hempstead				
Second Astoria				
Second Newtown				
College Point				
Laurel Hill				
First Long Island City				

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS	TOTAL.
South Classis of Long Island.				
First Brooklyn	\$1,804 54	.....	\$606 75	\$2,411 29
Flatbush	1,041 48	.....	140	1,181 48
On the Heights	1,701 68	.....	515 95	2,217 63
East New York	89 80	.....	.....	89 80
Gravesend	39	\$4 70	.....	43 70
New Utrecht	225 73	61	.....	286 73
New Brooklyn	15	8	.....	23
Twelfth St.	49 54	.....	5	54 54
Flatlands	64 92	30	.....	94 92
South Brooklyn	17 17	.....	.....	17 17
New Lotts	113 84	.....	.....	113 84
Middle Brooklyn .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Brooklyn .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rockville Centre .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Flatbush .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Michigan.				
South Macon	12 20	.....	.....	12 20
Macon	19	.....	.....	19
Constantine	28	.....	.....	28
First Grand Rapids	12 91	.....	21	33 91
Hope	30	.....	.....	30
Centreville	10	33	.....	43
South Bend	5 50	.....	.....	5 50
Battle Creek .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Porter .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Monmouth.				
Holmdel	103	13	.....	116
Colt's Neck	30	5	.....	35
First Freehold	44 18	.....	.....	44 18
Middletown	25	.....	.....	25
Second Freehold	43	.....	73	116
Keyport	24 25	.....	.....	24 25
Long Branch	10	.....	.....	10
Spotswood .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Highlands .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Asbury Park .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Montgomery.				
Fonda	218	30 35	.....	248 35
Currytown	34 47	.....	.....	34 47
Herkimer	22 04	47	.....	69 04
Fultonville	47 05	5 40	.....	52 45
Canajoharie .....	.....	20	.....	20
Florida	43 43	18 48	.....	61 91
Mapletown	5	.....	.....	5

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Montgomery.				
CONTINUED.				
Hagaman's Mills	\$21 90			\$21 90
Glen	50	\$20		70
Mohawk	18 33			18 33
Fort Plain	85 52			85 52
St. Johnsville	21 35	23 19		44 54
Port Jackson	8			8
Manheim	13 50			13 50
Ephrata	10			10
Stone Arabia	10 25			10 25
Auriesville				
Columbia				
Fort Herkimer				
Henderson				
Indian Castle				
Spraker's Basin				
Classis of Newark.				
Belleville	94 23		\$125	219 23
Clinton Ave	172	50		222
First Newark	540 04		5	545 04
North Newark	869 62	50	594 50	1,514 12
Second Newark	94 40	20	20 25	134 65
Orange	189	11	2	202
Stone House Plains	20			20
Irvington				
Franklin				
West Newark				
East Newark				
Linden				
Woodside				
Classis of New Brunswick.				
Second New Brunswick	427 60	25	55	507 60
Griggstown	93 70	21 31		115 01
First New Brunswick	204 20	228	481	913 20
Franklin Park	177 95	6 80		184 75
Middlebush	156 40	38 33	50	244 73
Millstone	139 04		5	144 04
East Millstone	26 89			26 89
Metuchen	43		5	48
Third New Brunswick	50		2	52
Bound Brook	24 60			24 60
Classis of New York.				
South Church	2,006 89			2,006 89
Collegiate	3,114 20	150	579 02	3,843 22
Knox Memorial	54 03			54 03
29th Street Chapel	44 39	100	2	146 39
Mott Haven	117 52			117 52

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of New York.				
CONTINUED.				
Port Richmond.....	\$105	\$30	.....	\$185
Ger. Evang. Houston Street..	300 50	50	\$50	400 50
Brighton Heights, S. I.....	28 80	.....	.....	28 80
Norfolk Street	50	.....	.....	50
High Bridge.....	60 28	.....	.....	60 28
Harlem	133 24	50	.....	183 24
Huguenots.....	13 52	.....	.....	13 52
Richmond.....	15	.....	.....	15
Madison Ave.....	.....	.....	20	20
Fourth German, N. Y.....	9	.....	.....	9
Union, Sixth Ave .....	.....	9	.....	9
Prospect Hill.....	45	30	.....	75
Thirty-fourth Street.....	50 31	.....	.....	50 31
Bloomingtondale.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brookfield.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ave. B. Ger. Evang.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Orange.				
Cuddebackville.....	12 10	.....	.....	12 10
Port Jervis.....	234 72	97 50	150	482 22
Ellenville.....	108 43	35	.....	143 43
Fallsburgh.....	20 64	.....	.....	20 64
Montgomery.....	600	.....	.....	600
Walden.....	100	10	.....	110
Shawangunk	14 61	6 73	.....	21 34
New Prospect.....	8 64	.....	.....	8 64
Newburgh	133 10	50	95 50	278 60
Lower Walpack	10 64	.....	.....	10 64
Wawarsing.....	29 63	36 31	.....	65 94
Callicoon	5	.....	.....	5
New Hurley	25 25	10	.....	35 25
Berea	15	.....	.....	15
Wallkill Valley.....	25 68	6	.....	31 68
Kerhonkson	5	.....	.....	5
Bloomingsburgh.....	11	.....	.....	11
Claryville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fremont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grahamville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jeffersonville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mamakating .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnisink .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Branch.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upper Walpack.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Paramus.				
West New Hempstead	\$66 73	.....	.....	\$66 73
Acquackanonk.....	248 80	\$200	.....	448 80
Clarkstown	155 39	.....	\$55	210 39
Tappan	38 81	5	.....	43 81
Spring Valley	6 50	.....	10 50	17
Paramus.....	164 80	.....	.....	164 80
Broadway, Paterson	123 36	.....	.....	123 36
Second Paterson.....	67	50	37 70	154 70
Nyack.....	377 03	43 89	129 89	550 81
Pascack.....	10 60	.....	.....	10 60
North Passaic.....	44 60	81	.....	125 60
First Holland.....	3 56	.....	.....	3 56
Warwick.....	61 95	.....	.....	61 95
Piermont.....	75	23	.....	98
Holland, Hohokus.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holland, Lodi.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holland, Passaic .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ramapo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saddle River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Passaic.				
Preakness	8 73	2 50	25	36 23
Wyckoff.....	22 10	2	44 50	68 60
Pompton.....	80	.....	.....	80
Boardville.....	10	.....	.....	10
First Paterson	72 87	53	.....	125 87
Sixth Paterson.....	7	.....	.....	7
Montville.....	.....	53 25	.....	53 25
Fairfield.....	30	.....	.....	30
Ponds.....	7	.....	.....	7
Pompton Plains.....	.....	21	37 50	58 50
Boonton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Falls.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Philadelphia.				
Neshanic.....	134 17	.....	.....	134 17
First Philadelphia.....	90 63	150	18 25	258 88
Clover Hill.....	15	8 50	.....	23 50
Harlingen.....	53 25	.....	.....	53 25
Fourth Philadelphia.....	.....	100	5	105
Addisville.....	30 62	.....	10	40 62
North and Southampton.....	166 09	5	20	191 09
Third Philadelphia.....	.....	.....	25	25
Second Philadelphia.....	137 40	15 90	.....	153 30
Rocky Hill.....	103 80	15	10	128 20
Rlawenburgh.....	100 91	.....	.....	100 91
Beadington.....	.....	.....	10	10

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS	TOTAL
Classis of Philadelphia.				
CONTINUED.				
Fifth Philadelphia.....				
Stanton.....				
Three Bridges				
Classis of Poughkeepsie.				
Rhinebeck.....	\$108 65			\$108 65
Millbrook.....	37 50	\$22 50	\$199 51	259 51
Fishkill Landing.....	154 13			154 13
Glenham.....	8 15	82 15		90 30
Hyde Park.....	56 63			56 63
Fishkill.....	58 41			58 41
Hopewell.....	166 95		20	186 95
First Poughkeepsie.....	354 32			354 32
Second Poughkeepsie.....	55 25		135	190 25
New Hackensack.....	49 04			49 04
Cold Spring.....				
Classis of Raritan.				
Lebanon.....	55 40	6		61 40
Bedminster.....	66	36 15	62 50	164 65
Rockaway.....	72 70	10 90		83 60
Peapack.....	12 65	5		17 65
Pottersville.....		22 28		22 28
Branchville.....	63 78	8 50	93	165 28
Third Raritan.....	148 47	38 75	144	331 22
First Raritan.....	115 33		10	125 33
Easton.....	232 95	51 58		284 53
North Branch.....	30			30
Second Somerville.....	140			140
Plainfield.....				
High Bridge.....				
Clinton Station.....				
Wilcox.....				
Classis of Rensselaer.				
Kinderhook.....	657 05	215 57	80	952 62
Second Ghent.....	26	31 35	20	77 35
Schodack Landing.....	16 30			16 30
Stuyvesant.....	87 72	18 32	74 31	180 35
Chatham Village.....	244 55	113 43		357 98
First Ghent.....	95	5		100
Blooming Grove.....	12	5		17
East Greenbush.....	79 60			79 60

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Rensselaer.				
CONTINUED.				
Nassau.....	\$95 20	\$18	\$28 14	\$141 34
Stuyvesant Falls.....	8			8
Castleton..	60			60
New Concord				
Schodaack.....				
Classis of Saratoga.				
South, West Troy.....	165 31		20	185 31
Buskirk's Bridge.....	23			23
Union Village	34 53			34 53
Saratoga.....	58 90	50		108 90
North, West Troy.....	110 89			110 89
Fort Miller	15			15
Wynantskill.....	17			17
Schaghticoke.....	40 11			40 11
Cohoes.....	78 65			78 65
Boght				
Easton.....				
Gansevoort.....				
Northumberland.....				
Rensselaer				
Classis of Schenectady.				
Niskayuna	37 33	28 30		65 63
Lisha's Kill	79 92			79 92
First Rotterdam.....	14		5	19
First Glenville.....	105		13	119
Second Glenville.....	8 02			8 02
Princeton.....	8 62		15	23 62
Amity	16 63	13		29 63
Helderbergh.....	10			10
First Schenectady.....	52		20	72
Second Schenectady	16			16
Second Rotterdam				
Cranesville				
Classis of Schoharie.				
Middleburgh.....	68 39			68 39
Gallupville		3		3
Sharon.....	25		10	35
Lawyersville	25			25
Berne.....	60			60
North Blenheim.....			5	5
Schoharie				

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES.	FROM S. SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Schoharie.				
CONTINUED.				
Beaver Dam.....				
Schoharie Mountain.....				
Breakabin.....				
Gilboa.....				
Eminence.....				
Classis of Ulster.				
Comforter, Wiltwyck.....		\$93 80		\$93 80
Plattekill.....	\$24 62	8		32 62
Blue Mountain.....	7 20	5 36		12 56
Flatbush.....		11	\$1	12
Saugerties.....	91 55	25	147	263 55
Caatsban.....	47	55 50		102 50
First Kingston.....	251 63	67 62	142	461 25
Shandaken.....	2			2
Woodstock.....	7			7
Esopus.....	6			6
West Hurley.....	6 50			6 50
North Esopus.....				
Shokan.....				
Classis of Westchester.				
Pekskill.....	31		26	57
Yonkers.....	193 38	50	44	287 38
Bronxville.....	25 90		108 22	134 12
Mount Vernon.....	154 15		20	174 15
Unionville.....	15			15
Second Tarrytown.....	5 35		83	88 35
Hastings.....	77 88			77 88
West Farms.....	24		50	74
Courtlandtown.....				
Fordham.....				
Greenburg.....				
Greenville.....				
Melrose.....				
First Tarrytown.....				
Classis of Wisconsin.				
Alto.....	36 45	2		38 45
Franklin.....	40		5	45
Greenleafton.....	18 78			18 78
Holland, Nebraska.....	3 55			3 55
Silver Creek.....	97 81			97 81
Fulton.....	23 30			23 30
South Holland, Ills.....	25			25
Holland, Wis.....			20	20

INDIVIDUALS NOT THROUGH CHURCHES.

Simon Shindler, Elizabeth, N. J.	\$90	A Theological Student	\$2
Mrs. J. E. Clark	5	A Christmas Gift from a former	
Miss Annie Hopkins, Franklin,		Foreign Missionary	1,000
Mass.	1	Rev. H. Schnellendreussler	5
A well wisher, Newtown, L. I.	5	Mrs. C. C. Conner, in Compli-	
H.	33	ance with request of deceased	25
F. T. Luqueer	50	mother	
Mrs. T. E. Annis, Holland, Mich.	10	E., late of Washington Square	
A Friend	1	Church	10
Family Missionary Box, Brook-		Mrs. Wm. Pitcher, Rose, N. Y.	3
lyn, E. D.	45	Mrs. H. Righter, Brooklyn, L. I.	10
Watch and Pray	25	Forest Home	16
Rev. H. M. Scudder, D.D.	20	Friend of Missions, Pittsford,	08
Rev. J. A. Davis	15	Mich.	10
A Thank Offering	100	Miss A. G. W., New York	5
Rev. A. M. Mann, Farmer Vil-		Gift of a lady	28
lage, N. Y.	10	Privilege	3
John Bainbridge, Farmer Vil-		A Friend	20
lage, N. Y.	10	A daughter of the Church	5
A Presbyterian Supply	5	Owen Van O'Linda, Holland,	
Rev. Wm. Brush, Newark, N. J.	5	Mich.	4
Theological Student, New Bruns-		Mrs. Hallock, Astoria, L. I.	10
wick, N. J.	1	Charles S. Ward	10
V. S., New York City	50	A Minister's Widow, Classis of	
Privilege	5	Ulster	20
Rev. Goyn Talmage	100	M. A. G., New York City	10
D. R. Hitchcock, S. I.	10	Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.	25
G. N. C., New Brunswick, N. J.	22	Cash	70
Mrs. C. Ward, Rahway, N. J.	5	T. E. Annis, M.D., Holland,	
J. C. Caldwell, New York	20	Mich.	10
Cash	1	J. F. Pruyn	10
Mrs. Maria E. Vroom, Trenton,		George Moffat, Marshall, Texas.	7
N. J.	10	A Friend of the Arcot Mission	1,000
Cash, by Rev. A. N. W.	10	Rev. T. L. Shafer, Berne, N. Y.	5
A Friend of the cause	1	Faith at Work, Holland, Mich.	20
Lambda	20	Anonymous, Ithaca, N. Y.	15
Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson.	50	A Steward of God	50
A C. Van Duyne, Pine Brook,		Rev. A. Mattice, Fort Plain, N. Y.	10
N. Y.	30	Wm. A. Shields, Holland, Mich.	5
E. Hendrickson, Brooklyn, L. I.	10	C. C. W.	3
E. M. Van Wyck, Fishkill, N. Y.	10	Pittsford, Mich.	20
Mrs. L. E. Ferris	5	A Widow's Mite, Jersey City,	
Not Official, New York City	10	N. J.	3
A Pastor's wife	10	Mrs. Mary B. Terhune, Mt. Rose,	
A female friend in Classis of Ul-		N. J.	25
ster	25	Little girl from West Indies	05
Three Friends	20	Miss Jansen, Owasco, N. Y.	5
James E. Hedges	200	H. A. B., Philadelphia, Pa.	1
One of many, Montgomery, N. Y.	1	Clara Viele, Ballston, N. Y.	1
Mrs. James E. Moffet, New York	10	A Friend	10
A. Brady, New Rochelle, N. Y.	5	J. B. H.	10
Mrs. Anna C. Kip, New York	80	Jane E. W.	5
Wm. W. Kip, Esqr., New York	60		
A Mite	10		
Rev. T. R. Beck, Holland, Mich.	5		
		Total	\$3,589 93

Miscellaneous.

Classes of Holland, Wisconsin and Grand River.....	\$562 98
Woman's Board.....	406
Earnest workers for China, First Presbyterian Church, New York.	60 58
S. S. Certificates.....	4 05
Interest on Security Funds.....	1916 08
American Bible Society, for Japan.....	500
Premium on specie.....	1 96
Sabbath-school, New Centre, N. J.....	8
Union Grove Sabbath-school, Somerset Co., N. J.....	4 35
Clifton Union Sabbath-school, N. J.....	14 07
Sabbath school, Liberty District, Ricefield, N. J.....	8 62
Young Ladies Missionary Society, New Centre, N. J.....	200
American Tract Society, for Japan.....	200
Children's Fair at Dr. J. C. Smith's, New York City.....	133
Youth's Society, Grand Rapids, Mich.....	10
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	\$4,029 69

Legacies.

Peter N. Haughwout.....	\$50
Mrs. J. G. Cramer.....	100
Henry V. De Mott.....	1,000
Interest on Bequest, Millstone, N. J.....	13 30
Willie H. Williams.....	2 75
Margaret E. Duryea.....	10,000
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	\$11,166 05

RECEIPTS FROM CLASSES.

CLASSES OF SYNOD OF New York.	CHURCH CON- TRIBUTIONS.	FROM SABBATH SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU- ALS.	TOTAL.
Hudson.....	\$1,255 68	\$321 92	\$66 27	\$1,643 87
Kingston.....	545 35	216 21	96	857 56
North Long Island.....	459 19	229 67	574 25	1,263 11
South Long Island.....	5,162 70	103 70	1,267 70	6,534 10
New York.....	6,147 68	419	651 02	7,217 70
Orange.....	1,359 44	251 54	245 50	1,856 48
Poughkeepsie.....	1,049 03	104 55	354 51	1,508 19
Westchester.....	526 66	50	331 22	907 88
Albany.	\$16,505 73	\$1,696 69	\$3,586 47	\$21,788 89
Albany.....	\$1,259 55	\$132 33	\$1,154 60	\$2,546 48
Cayuga.....	350 28	25	490	865 28
Geneva.....	317 04	89 80	31	437 84
Greene.....	348 17	51 86	80	480 03
Montgomery.....	608 84	164 42	.....	773 26
Rensselaer.....	1,381 42	406 67	262 45	1,990 54
Saratoga.....	543 39	50	20	613 39
Schenectady.....	348 52	41 30	53	442 82
Schoharie.....	178 39	3	15	196 39
Ulster.....	443 50	266 28	290	999 78
Chicago.	\$5,779 10	\$1,230 66	\$2,336 05	\$9,345 81
Grand River*.....	\$61 70	\$60	.....	\$121 70
Holland*.....	140 17	28 28	\$10	178 45
Illinois.....	249 20	94 35	25	368 55
Michigan.....	117 61	33	21	171 61
Wisconsin*.....	244 89	2	25	271 89
New Brunswick.	\$813 57	\$217 63	\$81	\$1,112 20
Bergen.....	\$816 31	\$37 80	\$500	\$1,354 11
South Bergen.....	781 96	165 75	305 21	1,252 92
Monmouth.....	279 43	18	73	370 43
Newark.....	1,979 29	131	746 75	2,857 04
New Brunswick.....	1,343 38	319 44	598	2,260 82
Paramus.....	1,444 13	402 89	233 09	2,080 11
Passaic.....	237 70	131 75	107	476 45
Philadelphia.....	831 87	294 40	98 25	1,224 52
Raritan.....	937 28	179 16	309 50	1,425 94
	\$8,651 35	\$1,680 19	\$2,970 80	\$13,302 34

* See receipts under Miscellaneous.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

*The Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America,
in account with the Treasurer.*

Dr.

ARCOT MISSION.

April 30th, 1876.

To cash paid drafts, &c.	\$22,485 30	
“ paid on account of Mission.....	4,076 08	
		—————26,561 38

AMOY MISSION.

To cash paid drafts, &c.	\$10,566 63	
“ paid on account of Mission.....	170	
		—————10,736 63

JAPAN MISSION.

To cash paid drafts, &c.	20,588 86	
“ paid on account of Mission.....	766 00	
		—————21,354 86

To cash paid Cor. Secretary's salary.....	\$3,000	
“ Bookkeeper's salary.....	500	
“ Incidental expenses.....	51 51	
“ Printing Annual Report, &c.....	894 84	
“ Care of office, &c.....	52 25	
“ Freight and Porterage.....	13 63	
“ Books, Magazines, &c.....	51 25	
“ Rent, P. O. box, fuel and gas....	47 16	
“ Traveling expenses ..	717 29	
“ On account of the Gospel Field	331 69	
“ Postage, Foreign and Home.....	186 30	
“ Rent of office.....	700	
		—————6,545 92
“ Notes and loans.....	\$42,687 50	
“ Interest on do.....	2,738 67	
		—————45,426 17
“ Balance in Treasury.....	1,514 89	
		—————
		\$112,139 85

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April 30th, 1875.	
By Balance in Treasury last report.....	\$3,009 44
April 30th, 1876.	
By cash received from Churches....	\$31,791 54
“ “ Sunday schools.....	4,791 38
“ “ Individuals through Churches..	8,974 32
“ “ “ not through Churches	3,589 93
“ “ Legacies.....	11,166 05
“ “ Miscellaneous sources.....	4,029 69
	<hr/> 64,342 91
“ borrowed from Banks.....	44,787 50
	<hr/> \$109,130 41
Loss by Exchange	\$6,606 57
Invested in U. S. Bonds:	
James Suydam Fund.....	10,000
G. Mandeville Fund.....	5,500
Warren Ackerman Fund.....	10,000
General Security Fund.....	5,643
Holland and Wisconsin Classes Fund.....	2,357
	<hr/> \$33,500
	<hr/> \$112,139 85

New York, April 30th, 1876.

A. V. W. VAN VECHTEN, *Treasurer pro-tem.*

Examined and found correct.

JAMES A. WILLIAMSON, }
D. JACKSON STEWARD, } *Auditing Com.*

THE

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Publication

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,

PRESENTED TO THE

GENERAL SYNOD, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,

JUNE, 1876.



NEW YORK:

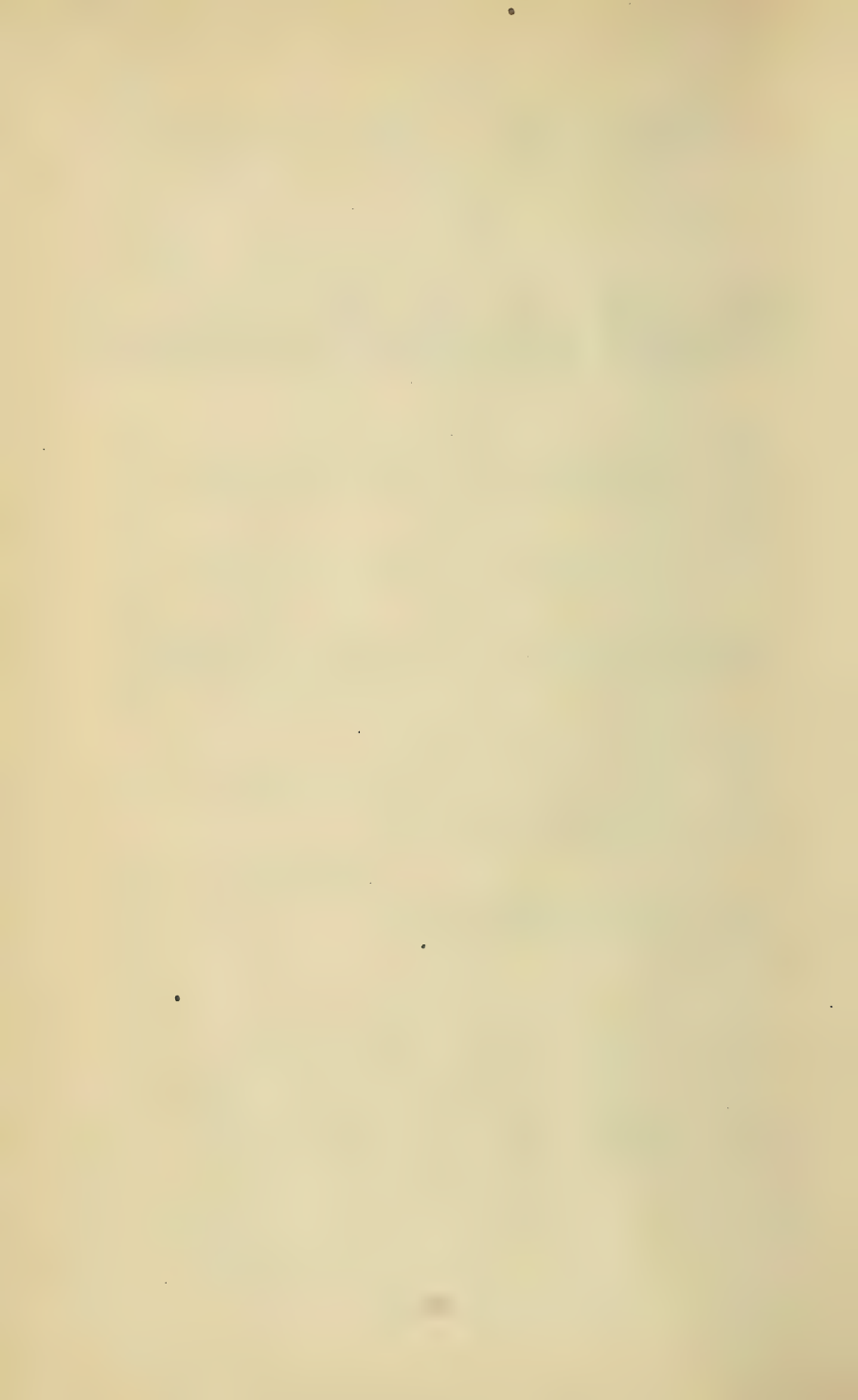
BOARD OF PUBLICATION

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,

34 VESEY STREET, CORNER OF CHURCH

1876.



REPORT

OF

Board of Publication.

The Board of Publication respectfully presents to the General Synod its twenty-second annual report.

In many respects the year just closed has been an eventful one. Important changes have been made, which affect not only the present condition, but also the future efficiency of our work. Probably, no other year since our organization, has been marked by such frequent, deliberate, and earnest consideration of the interests intrusted to our care; and as we record the results of the year, we recognize with gratitude, the loving help of our Heavenly Father, who has sustained us in many difficulties, and gives us strong hope of increasing power and usefulness in the future.

RE-ORGANIZATION.

The last General Synod directed the Board, "to re-organize, as soon as possible, the entire business department of the Depository, and of the Secretaryship, so as to combine both offices in one capable person." At the first meeting after the session of the General Synod the Board gave thoughtful attention to this injunction, and began the work of re-organization by the acceptance of the resignation of the Rev. J. A. Lansing, D.D., Corresponding Secretary.

It was not deemed expedient to make any further change at that time. It was hoped that the Committee, appointed by the General Synod to investigate the affairs of the Board, would soon begin their work, and it seemed essential that they should have the assistance of the agent, who, for so many years, had been in charge of the business, and who alone was entirely qualified to give in-

formation on many important matters. Upon conferring with the Committee of Investigation, it appeared that the view taken by the Board was not endorsed by them, and that no investigation would be made, until a complete change had been effected in the business management.

Several months passed, during which, frequent and protracted meetings were held, and the grave questions pending, were earnestly and thoughtfully considered, and at length on the eighth of November, a complete re-organization was effected, in accordance with the Synodical injunction, by the appointment of Mr. Richard Brinkerhoff as Publishing Agent and Corresponding Secretary, and Mr. Henry V. Doremus as Treasurer, pro tem., in place of William Ferris late Agent and Treasurer. These officers entered upon their duties on the first of December. The changes thus made have been warmly commended by many of our ministers and laymen, and will, we trust, receive the approval of the General Synod.

Shortly after the re-organization had been completed, the Investigating Committee began an examination of the affairs of the Board, the result of which has already been published, and needs no further reference here. We desire to record our appreciation of the courtesy, fidelity and fairness shown by this Committee, as well as our satisfaction with the work accomplished by them.

DEPOSITORY.

The last General Synod instructed the Board to consider the propriety of removing to some locality better suited to the needs of our business.

A Committee of this Board had this matter under consideration for several months; various sites were inspected and the relative merits compared, but the other Boards having expressed a preference for remaining, and the building being offered at a greatly reduced rent, it was decided to retain it for the present year. Considerable changes have been made in the Depository, at a comparatively slight cost, which not only make it more attractive, but also increase our facilities for business. The stock has also been increased, in prospect of larger sales than heretofore. The department of Theological and Sunday-school Literature has been en-

larged by the addition of the publications of the Southern Presbyterian Publication Committee, and that of General Literature has been extended by the addition of many recent works of great value.

We have now facilities for filling orders, with promptness and at the lowest rates, for any books in the market, while rare and foreign works can be obtained through our agency, as readily and cheaply as in any other way.

Early in the year it was found necessary, in order to secure the trade accommodations upon which we are dependent for a part of our business, to accede to the agreement of publishers, to make the uniform discount to Ministers, Churches and Sunday-schools, *twenty per cent* instead of twenty-five as heretofore. At the reduced discount we still offer as favorable terms as other *regular* publishing houses, and to compete with those who are doing an *irregular and dishonorable* business, we do not feel to be part of our mission.

SALES.

The continued depression in all branches of trade has undoubtedly had an influence upon the business of the Depository. Apart from this, however, it is impossible to disguise the fact that many of our Ministers and Churches have refrained from making purchases, because of the unfortunate discussions regarding the business management. A fair estimate of the results of the year can be made therefore, only by comparing the business during the early months of the year, with that during the time our present Agent has been in charge. Such a comparison shows that from the first of May to the first of December, the sales amounted to \$6,342 77, while from December first to April thirtieth the amount is \$6,734 28; that is, during the last *five* months of the year, the sales were greater than during the preceding *seven* months. The total amount of sales for the year (\$13,077 05) is greater, by about three thousand dollars than that of any year since 1872. We regard this fact as an indication of a growing interest in our work, and as a hopeful sign of future prosperity.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The uncertainties attending our work, and the financial embarrassments under which we have labored, have made a rigid economy essential, and precluded the possibility of any extensive addition to our publications. A reference to the Agent's Report will show that the year has not been an entire blank in this particular, although it has fallen far below what we have desired, and had the opportunity to do, had sufficient funds been at our disposal. We may with propriety call attention to the issue of the Vedder Lectures, delivered by Prof. Tayler Lewis, LL.D., at New Brunswick, in the spring of 1875.

The work of a mature and powerful mind, this volume has called forth the warmest expressions of commendation, and ranks among the best works of its class. It is unquestionably one of the most valuable books published by this Board for many years, and will we believe, be found to have a permanent worth as an able and unanswerable argument against infidelity.

Desirable as it is, that the Board should publish more extensively, we cannot hope for any considerable advance, until we receive to a much greater extent the patronage of our Churches, or have placed in our hands a capital sufficient to compete with other publishers. A very little effort on the part of each Church would secure for us this very desirable end.

THE GOSPEL SOWER.

The Board presented to the last General Synod a request to permit the union of the *Sower and Gospel Field*, published by this Board, and the *Earnest Worker*, published by the Southern Presbyterian Publication Committee; and also to allow this Board to unite with the Southern Committee in publishing the "*Children's Friend*." In reference to this request the General Synod resolved to take no action. Interpreting this as a reference of the whole matter to the Board, to act as in its judgment seemed best, a conference was held with the representative of the Southern Committee, and the advantages to be gained by the union of the two papers seemed so great, and the prospect of success so encouraging, that the Board determined to make the experiment. Accordingly the *Sower and Gospel Field* was discontinued with the last

issue for 1875, and a new paper started, entitled "*The Gospel Sower*." This paper is under the joint control of an Editorial Committee of this Board, the Rev. W. R. Gordon, S.T.D., being Editor-in-Chief, and the Rev. E. T. Baird, D.D., Cor. Sec. of the Southern Presbyterian Publishing Committee. This Board and the Southern Committee share in the pecuniary responsibility for the expense of publication, and likewise in the profits. *The Children's Friend*, an excellent paper for Sunday-schools, is published on the same terms. It is perhaps too soon to speak decidedly as to this undertaking, but if an extensive subscription list is any indication of success, we have good reason to believe that we have not erred in the action taken. *The Gospel Sower* already has a circulation of 6,319 copies, and additions are constantly being made to the list of subscribers. *The Children's Friend* has a circulation in our own Church of about 3,000 copies.

The enterprise was undertaken with the earnest conviction that it could be made self-supporting from the start. It is now probable that this expectation will not be realized the first year. This is due in large measure, to the fact that the number of subscribers from the South is only about one-half of what we were led to expect. The deficiency, if any, will we believe be no greater than that of the *Sower and Gospel Field* in previous years and probably will be much less. We believe that as the merits of the paper become more widely known, the subscription list will be largely extended, and the cost of issuing the paper more than met.

GRATUITOUS DISTRIBUTION.

The importance of this branch of our work is fully recognized, and applications for aid from needy churches and institutions are always cordially received, and never refused, if the means to meet them are at our disposal.

We have abundant testimony to show the good accomplished by donations made in the past. During the past year the number of applications for aid has been very small, and this fact alone accounts for the small amount of donations reported. The following are among the institutions aided during the year, viz:

Theological Seminary at New Brunswick; German Evangelical Mission, New York City; Magdalen Society, New York; Arizona Mission; Arcot Mission, India; Church of South Bend, Ind.; Old Ladies' Home, Washington, D. C.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

We have received during the year from churches, Sunday schools and individuals, \$2,615.84.

This is the smallest sum received during any year since 1866. Only 132 churches have made contributions, although our list of regular contributors shows that 247 churches have pledged annual collections. In the majority of cases, the contributors have been smaller than in former years; but it is fair to suppose that this is due, in large measure, to the financial embarrassment of many of our most faithful churches.

During the early months of the year, the amount received was so small that our work was prosecuted with great difficulty. The whole amount received to the first of December was less than \$1,200, showing that more than half of the total receipts from churches has been given since the first of January of the present year.

We interpret this fact as revealing returning interest in our work, and confidence in the present management of the business of the Board. We desire to emphasize the need of a more general interest in our work, and more liberal contributions for its maintenance. Our business is conducted with the greatest economy, and the cost will, we believe, compare favorably with other similar institutions. Could we receive from every church an annual contribution proportioned to its means, we should be able, not only to conduct the business without incurring additional debt, but also greatly extend the sphere of usefulness open to us.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING AGENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1876.

1. The Vedder Lectures for 1875. "The Light by which we see Light;" or, Nature and the Scriptures, by Tayler Lewis, LL.D., L.H.D. 1 vol., 12mo, cloth. 246 pages. 1,000 copies. Price, \$1.25.

2. Preface and Introduction to the Constitution of the Reformed Church, by Talbot W. Chambers, D.D. 12 pages. 18mo. 428 copies.

3. Suggestive Passages for Christian Workers. 12 pages. 18mo paper. 1,400 copies.

4. Answers for the Anxious. A Scene at Moody's Meeting, December 31, 1875. 4 pages. 12mo paper. 1,000 copies.

5. Annual Report of the Board of Publication for 1875. 8vo paper. 2,500 copies.

6. Sower Leaflet, No. 6. Christmas Carol. "Room in the Inn." 500 copies.

7. Church Record; being a complete volume for registering Church Members, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths. 200 pages. cap 8vo full law sheep. Russ. cov. Price, \$6. 20 copies.

8. Easter Carols. Two Hymns on one sheet. 850 copies.

9. Blanks. "License to Preach the Gospel." 15x14 inches, on heavy paper, with neat border. Price, 10 cents. 250 copies.

10. Blanks. "Testimonial of Ordination." 17x14 inches. Same style as "License." Price, 10 cents. 250 copies.

11. Blanks. "Call to a Minister," as prescribed by the Constitution of the Reformed Church. 4 pages legal cap. Price, 10 cts. 250 copies.

12. Blanks. Annual Statistical Classical Report. Price, 8 cts. 500 copies.

13. Blanks. Consistorial Reports. Price, \$2 per 100. 1,000 copies.

14. Minutes of General Synod, June 1875. 390 pages. 1,400 copies.

15. Minutes of Particular Synod of New York, May, 1875. 58 pages. 450 copies.

16. Minutes of Particular Synod of New Brunswick, May, 1875. 52 pages. 500 copies.

17. Annual Report of the Board of Education for 1875. 8 pages. 8,000 copies.

18. Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions for 1875. 16 pages. 6,250 copies.

19. Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions for 1875. 64 pages. 3,750 copies.

20. The Sower and Gospel Field. 16 Nos. 8 pages. 140,200 copies.

21. Supplement to Gospel Field, 8,000 copies.

22. The Gospel Sower. 17 Nos. 8 pages. 147,440 copies.

REPRINTS.

Heidelberg Catechism.....	3,000	copies.
Brown's Catechism.....	5,000	"
Child's Scripture Guide.....	252	"
Milk for Babes.....	1,000	"
Hymns. 18mo.....	1,000	"

SALES.

Depository Sales from May 1st, 1875, to May 1st, 1876.	\$13,077.05
Receipts from May 1st, 1875, to May 1st, 1876, for	
Sower and Gospel Field	1,998.72
Receipts for Gospel Sower	3,192.83
Receipts for Children's Friend	592.52
Receipts for Lesson Leaves	261.35

DONATIONS.

Books and Tracts amounting to.....	\$347.05
To Life Members.....	66.90
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	\$413.95
Sower and Gospel Field Deficiency for year 1875....	1,402.93
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	\$1,816.88

ASSETS.

Amount of Stock and Fixtures.....	\$35,058.27
" of Credits, Book Accounts.....	3,780.13
" of Bond and Mortgage	836.
" in the Treasury.....	864.11
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	\$40,538.51

LIABILITIES.

Amount of Funded Debt	\$5,468.72
“ of Bills Payable	5,422.42
“ due Book Dealers, etc.....	4,146.94
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	\$15,038.08
Excess of Assets, above Liabilities	\$25,500.03

RICHARD BRINKERHOFF,

Business Agent.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF DEPOSITORY.

May 1st, 1876.	<i>Cr.</i>	
By balance in Treasury May 1st, 1875.....		\$89.18
Received from Rev. Wm. Ferris, former Treasurer..		1,154.98
“ “ Sale of Merchandise.....		12,732.96
“ “ Bills Payable.....		6,667.96
“ “ Sale of Bond and Interest.....		1,243.50
“ “ other Boards, for rent, &c.....		1,965.63
“ “ Exchanges		230.40
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		\$24,084.61
“ “ Contributions from Churches.....		2,615.84
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		26,700.45

Dr.

To cash paid Rev. Wm. Ferris, former Treasurer	\$1,154.98
“ “ Rev. J. A. Lansing, Cor. Secretary	355.71
“ “ Merchandise	6,205.67
“ “ Bills Payable.....	9,247.89
“ “ Expenses.....	8,006.24
“ “ Exchanges	230.40
“ “ Printing.....	441.50
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	\$25,642.39
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Balance—	\$1,058.06

TREASURER'S REPORT OF PAPERS.

May 1st, 1876.

Cr.

Received from the Sower and Gospel Field	\$1,998.72
“ “ Subscriptions to the Gospel Sower	3,192.83
“ “ “ “ Children's Friend.	592.52
“ “ “ “ Lesson Leaves...	261.35
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	\$,6,045.42

Dr.

To cash paid for Sower and Gospel Field..	\$3,401.65
“ “ Gospel Sower	1,982.72
“ “ Children's Friend.....	19.
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	5,403.37
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	\$642.05

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from the Depository	\$24,084.61
“ “ Churches	2,615.84
“ “ Papers	6,045.42
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	\$32,745.87

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid on account of Depository	\$25,642.39
“ “ Papers	5,403.37
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	31,045.76
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	\$1,700.11

In Treasury, May 1st, 1876:

Bills Receivable.....	\$452.79
Bond and Mortgage.....	836.00
Cash	411.32
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	\$1,700.11

HENRY V. DOREMUS, *Treasurer.*

SYNOD'S ROOMS, MAY 25th 1876.

This certifies that the Finance Committee of the Board of Publication have examined the Treasurer's Books and Vouchers and find the same correct. Balance in the Treasury, May 1st, 1876 four hundred and eleven 32-100 dollars.

D. D. SMITH, *Chairman of Finance Committee.*

From the above report we find the following to be the items of expense for conducting the business of the Board for the year ending May 1st, 1876.

For rent paid.....	\$2,825
" Publishing Agent.....	1,937 50
" Clerks' Salaries.....	1,325 51
" Treasurer and Collecting Agent.....	320
" Postage of Sower and Gospel Field.....	164 11
" Incidentals	541 40
" Traveling Expenses.....	153 22
" Discount and Interest.....	354 15
" Stationery for Offices.....	72 02
" Improvements in Sales Room	177 68
" Postage Stamps.....	70 65
" Insurance.....	65
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	\$8,006 24
Less amount of expenses received from other Boards....	1,965 63
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Total expenses.....	\$6,040 61

CONCLUSION.

A careful review of the year past, and a fair estimate of our present condition furnishes much ground for hopefulness. The increase in the business of the Depository, the growing interest of the Churches, as well as the kindly and encouraging expressions of confidence of many of our prominent ministers and laymen lead us to believe that a brighter future is before us.

But we cannot conceal the fact that our success or failure will depend largely upon the Churches. The Board has no cash capital, its assets consisting of the plates in its vault, and the books upon its shelves, both of little value when patronage is withheld. Hence it is easy to see that with a burdensome debt resting upon us; with contributions from only one-fourth, and the patronage of probably no greater proportion of the Church which gives us existence, success is impossible, and existence for any considerable period improbable. If on the other hand this Board receives the liberal patronage and generous gifts of the Ministers and Churches who have called it to its work, its prosperity is assured. It is earnestly hoped that the General Synod will devise such measures as may tend to bring about this result, and thereby increase the efficiency and extend the influence of this important branch of our Church work.

The term of office of the following members expires June 1st, 1876:

Rev. David Inglis, D.D., LL.D.,

“ C. R. Blauvelt,

“ J. H. Suydam,

“ T. W. Wells,

Mr. Geo. Munro,

“ J. R. Bennet,

“ P. I. Neefus,

“ Jno. N. Terhune.

RICH'D BRINKERHOFF, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Adopted May 8th, 1876.

THE
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SEVENTY-FIRST
GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE
Reformed Church in America,

CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE

CITY OF NEW YORK, JUNE, 1877.

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1877.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA CONVENED IN THE COLLEGIATE REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH, CORNER OF FIFTH AVENUE AND TWENTY-NINTH STREET, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ON WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN, AT THREE O'CLOCK P. M., AND ADJOURNED ON THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH, AT HALF-PAST SIX O'CLOCK P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

In the absence of the retiring President, Rev. John McC. Holmes, D.D., who has transferred his relations to the Presbyterian Church, the Synod was opened with prayer by the Adressor, Rev. John B. Thompson, D.D., who also preached the Synodical Sermon on the evening of the first day of the Session, from John 20 : 31—"But these things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God ; and that believing ye might have life through His name."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New York.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.—*Ministers*, Jacob Chamberlain, M. D., Ezekiel C. Scudder, Jared W. Scudder, M. D.

CASSIS OF HUDSON.—*Ministers*, John B. Church, De Witt B. Wyckoff, James Wyckoff. *Elders*, J. M. Strever, A. Pies-ter.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—*Ministers*, V. M. Hulbert, D.D., Wm. H. Vroom, Calvin E. Lasher. *Elders*, Elder J. L. Snyder, Elijah Du Bois.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—*Ministers*, George R. Garretson, John M. Wagner, Matthias L. Haines, Lewis Francis. *Elder*, F. A. Lancashire.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—*Ministers*, R. G. Strong, Alexander Shaw, C. L. Wells. *Elders*, John Lefferts, J. B. Brinsmade, T. L. Mason, M.D.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—*Ministers*, W. B. Merritt, A. B. Van Nest, D.D., J. Brownlee, D.D., Hasbrouck DuBois. *Elders*, James Anderson, M.D., S. B. Schieffelin, Hon. D. P. Ingraham, Henry Camerden, Jr.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.—*Ministers*, M. V. Schoonmaker, S. W. Mills, D.D., B. C. Lippincott, G. S. Garretson, G. B. Bell, W. T. Brown. *Elders*, J. Lawson, Thomas Jessup, T. J. Bonnell, D. W. Rappelje.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—*Ministers*, Henry Ward, C. W. Fritts, A. P. Peeke. *Elders*, J. B. Jones, Walter Brett.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—*Ministers*, David Cole, D.D., Joseph A. Harper, R. L. Schoonmaker. *Elders*, Alphonso Wood, Jacob Storm.

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—*Ministers*, Rufus W. Clark, D.D., J. H. Pitcher, J. L. Pearse. *Elders*, S. G. Chase, W. H. De Rouville.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—*Ministers*, Evert Van Slyke, J. H. Enders, Isaac S. Hartley, D.D. *Elders*, E. Adriance, Jacob Collier.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—*Ministers*, P. DeBruyn, Philip Furbeck, P. G. M. Bahler. *Elders*, G. Van Fleet, L. Kooman, G. S. Conover.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—*Ministers*, A. D. Campbell, James C. Garretson, M. G. Hansen. *Elder*, William Terry.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.—*Ministers*, A. Mattice, F. M. Kipp, Jr., J. B. Dysart, A. J. Hageman. *Elders*, C. P. Snell, Wm. W. Kline, James Van Horne.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.—*Ministers*, N. H. Van Arsdale, John B. Drury, Jacob W. Schenck. *Elder*, A. J. Sherwood.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—*Ministers*, Alfred J. Hutton, I. G. Ogden, S. W. Strong. *Elder*, Abram Marshall.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—*Ministers*, Wm. N. Randles, John C. Lowe, Wm. W. Letson. *Elder*, Alex. Dorn.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—*Ministers*, Wm. H. Carr, Robert Doig, E. Cornet. *Elders*, Hon. Peter S. Danforth, Peter P. Schell.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.—*Ministers*, C. Van Santvoord, Stephen Searle, W. G. E. See. *Elders*, Peter Snyder, Peter H. Freleigh.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—*Ministers*, Jacob Van Der Meulen, Evert Van der Hart. *Elder*, Henry Brouwer.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—*Ministers*, Chr. Van Der Veen, Henry Uiterwyk. *Elders*, Q. Huyser, H. O. Yntema.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—*Ministers*, Edward P. Livingston, George Seibert, John G. Jorammon. *Elder*, F. J. Cushing.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.—*Ministers*, John W. Beardslee, John A. De Spelder. *Elder*, T. H. Calam.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.—*Ministers*, J. Hoffman, John Muller, Peter Lepeltak.

From the Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—*Ministers*, Charles Parker, Peter V. Van Buskirk, Cyrus B. Durand. *Elders*, David V. Brower, A. J. Demarest.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—*Ministers*, Henry W. F. Jones, William R. Duryee, D.D., Paul D. Van Cleef, D.D. *Elders*, Jacob Van Horne, John R. Romaine.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—*Ministers*, James Bolton, James B. Wilson, Elias Mead. *Elders*, John A. Smock, John Dorrance, G. S. Luyster.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.—*Ministers*, George S. Bishop, John Kershaw, Abram M. Quick. *Elders*, Peter S. Duryee.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—*Ministers*, John L. See, D.D., Wm. H. Steele, D.D., Edward T. Corwin, D.D. *Elders*, Lewis Applegate, Lawrence Van Derveer. P. S. Williamson, J. V. D. Hoagland.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—*Ministers*, James Huyssoon, Wm. H. Clark, George M. S. Blauvelt, W. E. Bogardus. *Elders*, Alex. D. Hill, John W. Ferdon, Peter Board, John Charlton.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—*Ministers*, James Demarest, John N. Jansen, John Steele, D.D. *Elders*, Abram Doremus, Andrew Hill.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Ministers*, Herman C. Berg, John Hart, Ab'm. I. Martine. *Elders*, A. W. Given, Peter P. Dilts.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—*Ministers*, Wm. H. Hoffman, Artemus Dean, Sanford W. Roe, D.D. *Elder*, J. H. Walker.

Arrived on the Second Day.—*Ministers*, G. S. Garretson, William W. Letson, J. L. Pearce, Peter Lepeltak. *Elders*, D. W. Rappelje, Wm. Terry.

Arrived on the Third Day.—*Ministers*, Calvin E. Lasher, G. B. Bell, J. H. Pitcher, Wm. G. E. See, George Seibert, John S. Joralmon, Cyrus B. Durand. *Elder*.—Elijah Du Bois.

Arrived on the Sixth Day.—*Elders*, Jacob Storm, J. V. D. Hoagland, John Charlton.

Arrived on the Seventh Day.—*Ministers*, Ezekiel C. Scudder, W. S. Brown, and Jared W. Scudder.

S. W. Mills was succeeded by his Secundus, W. S. Brown, on the seventh day.

P. S. Williamson was succeeded by his Primarius, J. V. D. Hoagland, on the sixth day.

Alex. D. Hill was succeeded by his Secundus, John Charlton, on the sixth day.

Excused on the Sixth Day.—*Elders*, T. G. Chase, Elijah Du Bois.

Excused on the Seventh Day.—Rev. A. J. Hageman. *Elders*, James Streiner, F. A. Lancashire, Wm. Terry, F. J. Cushing, J. F. D. Hoagland.

Excused on the Eighth Day.—*Ministers*, De Witt B. Wyckoff, James Wyckoff, C. W. Fritts, A. D. Campbell, M. G. Hansen, James Bolton, John Kershaw, Herman C. Berg, E. C. Scudder. *Elders*, T. L. Mason, J. Lawson, Walter Brett, L. Kooman, Jacob Storm, William W. Kline, T. H. Calam, John Charlton.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Rufus W. Clark was elected *President*; Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, *Adressor*; and Rev. Christian Van Der Veen and Rev. James C. Garretson *Clerks pro tem*.

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Regular Session of the Synod were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

By unanimous consent of Synod, these were not read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

ON THE PROFESSORATE.—Ministers, W. R. Duryea, W. H. Steele, H. Uiterwyk ; Elders, Judge D. P. Ingraham, Samuel B. Schieffelin.

ON OVERTURES.—Ministers, E. P. Livingston, P. Furbeck, W. H. Carr ; Elders, F. A. Lancashire, S. G. Chase.

ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.—Ministers, Henry Ward, James Wyckoff, John Muller ; Elders, G. S. Conover, A. D. Hill.

ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS AND CHURCH BUILDING FUND.—Ministers, David Cole, J. W. Beardslee, James B. Wilson ; Elders, A. J. Demarest, J. L. Snyder.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Ministers, George S. Bishop, E. Van Slyke, R. G. Strong ; Elders, J. B. Brinsmade, Peter S. Duryee.

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.—Ministers, C. Van Santvoord, John Steele, A. R. Van Nest ; Elders, Henry Camerden, Jr., A. Marshall.

ON EDUCATION.—Ministers, C. L. Wells, W. B. Merritt, S. W. Strong ; Elders, L. Van Derveer, Jacob Collier.

ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—Ministers, H. C. Berg, M. G. Hansen, M. L. Haines ; Elders, Peter Board, P. S. Williamson.

ON THE WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.—Ministers, M. V. Schoonmaker, E. Van Der Hart, A. M. Quick ; Elders, G. Van Fleet, J. Lawson.

ON PUBLICATION.—Ministers, J. Chamberlain, B. C. Lippincott, James Huyssoon ; Elders, T. L. Mason, John Dorrance.

ON NOMINATIONS.—Ministers, A. P. Peeke, Jacob Van Der Meulen, Peter V. Van Buskirk ; Elders, Henry Brouwer, Alexander Dorn.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.—Ministers, W. H. Clark, C. W. Fritts, A. D. Campbell ; Elders, J. H. Walker, James Van Horne.

ON ACCOUNTS.—Ministers, Artemas Dean, J. Kershaw, George R. Garretson ; Elders, John A. Smock, T. H. Calam.

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Ministers, John N. Jansen, John A. De Spelder, W. H. Vroom ; Elders, A. Doremus, J. Lawson.

ON BOARD OF DIRECTION.—Elders, Judge P. S. Danforth, Walter Brett, Lewis Applegate, John Lefferts, F. J. Cushing.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate :

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick met in the James Suydam Hall, at New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 15, 1877, at noon, and adjourned on Wednesday evening.

The Rev. Charles I. Shepard opened the meeting with prayer. The Rev. Anson Du Bois was elected President, and the Rev. Charles H. Pool, Clerk *pro tem*.

The following members were present :

From the Classis of Bergen.—Rev. Theo. B. Romeyn.

South Classis of Bergen.—Rev. Wm. R. Duryee.

Classis of Kingston.—Rev. Philip Peltz.

North Classis of Long Island.—Rev. Chas. I. Shepard

South Classis of Long Island.—Rev. Anson Du Bois.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Elder Peter A. Voorhees.

Classis of New York.—Rev. Wm. Ormiston, Elder Gardner A. Sage.

Classis of Paramus.—Rev. Goyn Talmage

Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. Herman C. Berg.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf.

Classis of Raritan.—Rev. Chas. H. Pool.

Classis of Rensselaer.—Elder Wm. H. Ramsey.

Classis of Schenectady.—Rev. John A. De Baun.

Classis of Ulster.—Rev. C. Blauvelt.

Particular Synod of Albany.—Elder P. S. Danforth.

Particular Synod of New York —Elder D. P. Ingraham.

The other Classes were unrepresented.

The following vacancies are to be filled by appointment of the General Synod for the term of three years, viz: In the Classes of Albany, Arcot, Bergen, South Bergen, Greene, Kingston, South Long Island, Monmouth, Montgomery, Newark, New York, Paramus, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Ulster, Westchester.

Also the places of the Elders at large from the Particular Synod of New York, D. P. Ingraham and Edward L. Beadle, who were chosen by the Board to serve for one year, are to be filled by appointment for three years, on nomination by the Committee on the Professorate.

From the Report of the Faculty of the Seminary it appears that the following Students have been connected with the Institution during the year :

Senior Class.

Ralph W. Brokaw,

Titus E. Davis,

Ernest Gutweiler,

Charles W. Higgins,

Cornelius Kriekard,

Charles H. T. Krueger,

John G. Lansing,

George De Witt Lydecker,

Sipko Rederus,

Samuel Streng,

David M. Talmage,

Daniel Van Pelt.

Middle Class.

Robert H. Barr,	Philetus T. Pockman,
James E. Graham,	Andrew V. V. Raymond,
Walter T. Griffin,	John H. Salisbury,
Hendrick A. Hendrickson,	John P. Searle,
Henry L. Janeway,	George D. Slocum,
James Kemlo,	Oliver H. Walser,
Louis J. Lockwood,	Benjamin V. D. Wyckoff,
John Oppie,	

Junior Class.

Eugene S. Booth,	Peter H. Milliken,
Henry M. Cox,	William H. Nasholds,
Cornelius P. Ditmars,	William W. Schomp,
Joseph R. Durpee,	Bergen B. Staats,
Isaac E. House,	James G. Sutphen,
Sidney O. Lawsing,	William R. Taylor,
John E. Lyall,	

Frederick R. Marvin, who, with a thorough medical education, had been a practicing physician for several years, has been an occasional attendant on the recitations of the Senior Class, and pursued a course of reading under the direction of the Faculty. He has omitted the study of the original languages of the Scriptures. The Board admitted Dr. Marvin to an examination with the Senior Class on the subjects studied by the Class, excepting the languages, and would report that the examination was well sustained. They heartily endorse the application of Dr. Marvin to the General Synod for a dispensation. Islay Walden and John H. Bergen, colored young men, have pursued the studies of the Seminary in connection with the Junior Class, excepting the Hebrew and Greek languages. They were admitted to examinations on the studies they had taken, and sustained them well. The Board would endorse the application of these brethren to the General Synod for a dispensation. These brethren have in view the work of the ministry among their own people.

The health of the young men has been good during the year, and their deportment commendable.

The Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property reported, and their report was accepted. As this report of the Standing Committee is presented to the General Synod in printed form, the Board would only briefly refer to it.

The Board heard, with pleasure, the statements of the Standing Committee in reference to the general deportment of the students occupying the Theological Hall. The Rev. L. H. Van Dyke has held the position of Rector since August, 1876. Two suggestions were made by the Committee: First, That General Synod empower the Standing Committee to extend to the Students of the College such use of the Gymnasium as the Committee deem advisable. Secondly, That the use of the rooms in Hertzog Hall be hereafter confined to the students of the Theological Seminary, according to the original design of the founder of the Hall.

The Board passed the following resolution :

Resolved. That we approve the reports of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property, and endorse its suggestions, and that it be respectfully referred to the General Synod for such action as may seem advisable.

The Board listened to the various examinations of the different classes, generally with satisfaction, and resolved that the examinations be approved, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the Faculty for their professorial certificates, upon the payment of their Seminary dues.

The address to the students was delivered on Wednesday evening, by the Rev. Herman C. Berg.

The Rev. T. B. Romeyn was chosen to address the students next year, with Rev. John A. De Baun as Secundus.

WM. RANKIN DURYEE,	} Committee.
J. A. DE BAUN.	
D. P. INGRAHAM.	

A true copy.

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

An Appeal of Rev. Augustus Blauvelt from the action of the Particular Synod of New York, confirming the proceedings of the Classis of Kingston in connection with his suspension from

the ministry, was received, and, with the accompanying documents, was referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

The Committee of Co-operation with the Faculty, on the Library of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, presented their Report (see Appendix), which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the late President of the Synod, Rev. John McC. Holmes, stating that he had accepted a call to the State Street Presbyterian Church in Albany, and had notified the Adressor to take his place at the opening of this Synod.

A communication was received from Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., asking that compensation be made to certain members of the late Committee of Conference with the Presbyterian and German Reformed Churches, to meet their traveling expenses, and was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A letter was received from Rev. C. D. Hartranft, accepting his appointment to prepare a history of the Heidelberg Catechism.

A communication was received from Rev. N. D. Williamson, asking for certain amendments to the Rules of Order, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A memorial with reference to preaching on the Heidelberg Catechism was received from the Classis of Rensselaer, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

The Committee of the Classis of Holland, authorized by the Synod of 1868, to translate the Constitution into the Holland language, presented their report, together with a translation in manuscript, both of which were referred to the Committee on Publication.

An application was received from the Classis of Arcot for a dispensation on behalf of Moses Nathaniel;

Also, from the Classis of Holland, on behalf of Marenus Van Doren;

Also, from the Classis of New York, on behalf of Frederick R. Marvin, M. D.;

Also, from the Classis of New Brunswick, on behalf of Islay Walden and John H. Bergen, colored students in the Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick;

Also, from the North Classis of Long Island, on behalf of Louis T. Herr.

These were all referred to the Committee on Overtures.

Nominations for members of the Board of Superintendents were received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication from the Presbyterian Historical Society was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Eighth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Seminary Grounds and Property was received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The report is published in the appendix.

A communication from Rev. Philip Phelps, D.D., President of Hope College, in relation to the work of endowment, was received, and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. W. Beardslee, P. D. Van Cleef, W. R. Duryee, and Elders J. W. Ferdon, and P. S. Danforth.

It was resolved that said Committee have access to all papers relating to Hope College, in the hands of other Committees.

A communication from Rev. C. E. Crispell, Professor of Theology at Hope College, in reference to the endowment of his chair was received, and referred to the same Special Committee.

Rev. David Inglis, Chairman of the Committee appointed by the last General Synod to raise funds for the evangelization of the colored people of the South, presented a report, which was referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

A communication was received from Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D., resigning his position as a member of the Board of Education, and referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication was received from Mr. W. C. Coup, Manager, inviting the members of Synod to visit the New York Aquarium. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF DIRECTION OF THE CORPORATION.

The following Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, together with the accompanying docu-

ments, and referred to the Committee on the Board of Direction, except so much as relates to the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, which was referred to the Committee on those Funds, and the part relating to vacancies to the Committee on Nominations.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

The Board of Direction of General Synod would respectfully report:

That there has been received toward the endowment of the Thomas De Witt Professorship the sum of one hundred dollars.

From the executors of the will of Alida Pruyn, five hundred dollars, by her bequeathed for the relief of Disabled and Indigent Gospel Ministers.

From bequest of Samuel Gates, on account, three hundred dollars, in aid of young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry.

From bequest of Mrs. Mary N. Slocum, fifty dollars for the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

For the Endowment Fund at Hope College, five hundred dollars on account of the Aaron Clement Scholarship.

Again we record a donation of seven hundred dollars from Gardner A. Sage, for the support of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall for the current year.

WIDOWS' FUND.

This Fund now amounts to \$46,919.14. The collections from Churches and individuals during the year have been \$1,184.01. Annuity payments have been paid from the income of the Fund semi-annually, on the first day of May and November, 1876, to the amount of \$2,537.46.

One annual subscriber has withdrawn from the Fund the proportion of his former subscription to which the rules of the Fund entitled him.

VEDDER LECTURE FUND.

During the past year there has been no income received from this Fund, and repeated judicial action affecting the Equipment Bonds of the Toledo and Wabash Railroad Company, of which this Fund is constituted as given by the donor, constrain the Board to fear that no further income may be expected, and that the bonds

have become almost if not entirely worthless. Eminent men of our Church, however, are regularly rendering the good service for which the Fund was intended to secure an abiding annual provision.

CENTENNIAL SEMINARY FUND.

This Fund recommended by the General Synod of 1875 now amounts to \$423.92.

In compliance with the Resolution of the last General Synod, the Board has exercised the power given to it, by releasing Mrs. Mary W. Board from the payment of the balance due on her note and surrender the same up to her.

By Resolution of General Synod of 1875, vol. 14, p. 250, the Treasurer of General Synod was directed to reserve from the income for the maintenance and support of the James Suydam Hall, the amount required for the insurance of the Hall for the previous two years. Apprehending from the Preamble to the Resolution that Synod intended the same course to be further pursued, the Treasurer has also paid the insurance for the present year from the same source. If Synod approves of this course, and wishes it to be continued, action to that effect is deemed desirable.

The term of service of Gardner A. Sage expires in regular course with this Meeting of General Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN VAN NEST, *President.*

GARDNER A. SAGE,	} <i>Directors.</i>
WM. H. STEELE,	
PETER S. DURYEE,	

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

New York, May 28th, 1877.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

*The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America in
account with JOHN I. BROWER, Treasurer.*

1876.		Dr.	
May	15	To Cash paid annuities from the Widows' Fund for the six months ending 1st inst.	\$1.404
	16	paid appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.	2.175
	19	paid the Board of Education, viz: for six months' interest to 1st inst. on amount of invested scholarships.	\$3.287 08
		for six months' interest to 1st inst. on Parochial School Fund	475
		for six months' interest to 1st inst. on the Hope College Endowment Fund.	460
			4.222 08
June		paid Corresponding Delegates for traveling expenses.	161 45
	9	insurance on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.	290 27
	12	Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago for traveling expenses in attending the meeting of General Synod this month.	428
	12	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for expenses of meeting of General Synod.	59 63
		salary as Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents	25
		traveling expenses.	2 80
			87 43
	28	paid insurance on three Professorial Dwellings.	81
July	28	loan on Bond.	10.000
	28	Board of Domestic Missions, being proceeds of sale of "Hymns of the Church," for the Church Building Fund.	103 40
		Amount carried forward.	\$18.952 63

1876.	Dr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$18,952 63
Aug. 26	To Cash traveling expenses of Corresponding Delegate.....	32
Sept 6	for printing Annual Reports and Treasurer's Accounts.....	12 45
8	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Seminary grounds and property at New Brunswick, for Library purposes.....	5,000
8	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Seminary grounds and property New Brunswick, amount of interest received on legacies of the late James Suydam, for purposes in accordance with the terms of the bequests.....	1,400
25	paid insurance on buildings connected with Hope College, Mich.....	18 50
Oct. 2	paid Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., interest on the Endowment Fund of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich., as salary to Sept. 1st.....	92 44
7	deposited in Trust Company.....	24,000
Nov. 10	annuities from the Widows' Fund for the six months ending 1st inst.....	1,133 46
13	appropriations from the Disabled Ministers' Fund.....	2,300
15	the Board of Education, viz: for six months' interest to 1st inst on amount of invested scholarships.....\$3,048 for six months' interest to 1st inst. on Parochial School Fund.... 426 for six months' interest to 1st inst., on Hope College Endow- ment Fund..... 638	4,112
25	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Seminary grounds and property at New Brunswick, viz: for interest to 1st inst., on legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog..... 685 55 for salary of janitor of Hertzog Hall..... 100 for fuel one year..... 20	805 55
25	Gardner A. Sage, amount borrowed from him on note.....	975
28	insurance on James Suydam Hall.....	252 50
Dec. 6	Rev. Geo. H. Peeke, amount withdrawn from the Widows' Fund.....	180
	Amount carried forward.....	\$59,266 53

	1876.	Dr.		
		Amount brought forward.....	\$59,266	53
Dec.	15	To Cash loan on Bond and Mortgage.....	22,000	
	27	" " " "	18,125	
	16	paid John C. Elmendorf, Treas- urer of Rutgers's College, 12 months' interest on donation of Col. Henry Rutgers, to June 20th, 1876.....	327	09
		six months' dividend on 10 shares Bergen Turnpike Stock.....	2	50
	18	Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., for one year's salary as Permanent Clerk of General Synod.....	100	5
		expenses.....		
	22	paid Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of Gen- eral Synod.....		105
1877.		paid insurance on furniture &c.. in the Peter Hertzog Hall....	20	62
Jan.	6	on the Gardner A. Sage building, library and furniture.....	23	
	22	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Seminary grounds and property at New Bruns- wick, for library purposes.....		43 62
	27	paid Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., for ex- penses in collecting funds for the en- dowment of the Professorship of Didac- tic and Polemic Theology at Hope Col- lege.....		3,000
	30	Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Seminary grounds and pro- perty at New Brunswick, amount of interest received on legacies of the late James Suy- dam for purposes in accord- ance with the terms of the be- quests.....	1,400	100
		less amount paid for insurance on the James Suydam Hall, Nov. 28, 1876.....	252	50
Feb.	8	paid Board of Domestic Missions being proceeds of sale of "Hymns of the Church" for the Church Building Fund.....		1,147 50
Mar.	2	paid loan on Bond and Mortgage.....		95 77
		Amount carried forward.....	\$109,463	01

1877.		Dr.			
		Amount brought forward.....			\$109.463 01
Mch.	3	To Cash paid Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., interest on the endowment fund of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich., as salary to 1st inst.			106 38
	7	paid insurance on Professorial Dwelling..			37 50
	9	" " " "			10 50
	19	Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., amounts received from sundry persons towards payment of his salary as Professor			67 76
April	3	paid for translating in part the correspondence of the early churches with the Classis of Amsterdam.....			75
	14	paid insurance on Hope College.....			93 75
	16	paid Gardner A. Sage, Treasurer of the Standing Committee on the Seminary grounds and property New Brunswick, amount of donation made by him for the maintenance and support of the Peter Hertzog Hall for the current year.....			700
	8	paid insurance on three Professorial dwellings.....			67 50
	23	paid John I. Brower, amount borrowed from him.....			1.290
	24	paid Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., expenses in collecting funds for the endowment of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich.....			57
		paid the following Theological Teachers at Hope College, Mich., their proportion of collections received to meet expenses of General Synod, towards payment of their salaries, viz :			
1876.		Rev. Chas. Scott, D.D.; Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D.; Rev. T. Romeyn Beck.			
Dec.	22	\$33 41	\$33 42	\$33 42	100 25
1877.					
April	25	14 82	14 82	14 82	44 46
1876.		paid the following Theological Teachers at Hope College, Mich., being their proportions of appropriations made by the Board of Education, towards their salaries, viz:			
		Rev. Chas. Scott, D.D.; Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D.; Rev. T. Romeyn Beck.			
May	18	\$300	\$300	\$300.....	900
June	13	133 33	133 33	133 34...	400
Aug.	8	66 66	66 67	66 67...	200
Sept.	5	66 66	66 67	66 67...	200
Amount carried forward.....					\$113.813 11

Dr.

1876.		Amount brought forward.....		\$113,813 11
Oct. 2	\$66 66	\$66 67	\$66 67...	200
Nov. 4	66 66	66 67	66 67...	200
Dec. 16	66 66	66 67	66 67...	200
29	66 66	66 67	66 67...	200
1877.				
Mch. 24	133 34	133 33	133 33...	400
April 17	66 66	66 67	66 67...	200
25	66 66	66 67	66 67...	200
1877.		paid Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., viz:		
June 1		for one quarter's salary due this day....		812 50
Sept. 1	" "	" "		1,050
Dec. 1	" "	" "		900
1877.				
Mch. 2	" "	" 1st inst.....		975
		paid the following professors in the		
		Theo. Sem. at New Brunswick, viz:		
1876.		Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.....		320
June 5		salary due 1st inst., (on account)		
July 26		" " June 1st (balance). \$430		
		interest.....	4 68	
				434 68
Sept. 4		salary due 1st inst.....		750
Dec. 2		" " " (on account)		375
22		" " " (balance)...		375
1877.				
Mch. 2		" " " (on account)		500
30		" " " (balance)...		250
1876.		Rev. John De Witt, D.D.,		
June 5		salary due 1st inst (on account)		320
July 26		" " June 1st (balance).. \$430		
		interest.....	4 68	
				434 68
Sept. 4		salary due 1st inst.....		750
Dec. 2		" " " (on account)		375
20		" " " (balance)...		375
1877.				
Mch. 2		" " " (on account)		500
30		" " " (balance) ..		250
1876.		Rev. Sam'l M. Woodbridge, D.D.		
June 5		salary due 1st inst. (on account)		320
July 26		" " June 1st., (balance) 430		
		interest.....	4 68	
				434 68
Sept. 4		salary due 1st inst.....		750
Dec. 2		" " " (on account)		375
20		" " " (balance)...		375
1877.				
Mch. 2		salary due 1st inst., (on account)		500
		" " " (balance)...		250
30				
		Amount carried forward.....		\$128,164 65

1876.	Dr.	
April 30	Amount brought forward.....	\$128,164 65
	To Cash paid John I. Brower, as follows:	
	for one year's salary as Treas-	
	urer of General Synod.....	\$1,500
	for postage, stationery, &c....	47 88
		1,547 88
	This amount apportioned to the following Funds	
	as per resolution of General Synod, viz:	
	Permanent Seminary Fund...	\$570 83
	Education Fund.....	386
	Permanent Contingent Fund..	9 86
	Hope College Endowment	
	Fund.....	80 09
	Jas. Suydam Professorship of	
	Didactic and Polemic Theo-	
	logy.....	245 43
	Widow Fund.....	255 67
		\$1,547 88
	To Balance on hand carried forward.....	9,524 86
		<u>\$139,237 39</u>

1876.		Cr.	
May	1	By Balance from last account brought forward	\$7,280 77
	6	By Cash received from Mrs. Henrietta V. W. Du Bois, towards the endowment of the "Thos. De Witt" professorship.....	100
	6	from Professor C. Doesburg, Treasurer of Hope College, on account of the "Aaron Clement" Scholarship and for the endowment of the College.....	500
	12	from C. H. Wendover, through W. H. Rainey, Treasurer Reformed Church, Kinderhook, towards the endowment of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich.....	50
	19	from the East Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., on account of subscription made in June, 1873, for meeting the deficiency in the income of General Synod.....	10
July	24	from Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., being proceeds of sale of "Hymns of the Church," to 1st inst., for the Church Building Fund.....	103 40
	24	received amount withdrawn from Trust Co.....	6,200
	24	received amount withdrawn from Trust Co.....	3,500
	26	borrowed from John I. Brower to pay balance of salaries of the Theological Professors at New Brunswick, due 1st June.....	1,290
Aug.	1	received in payment of Bond and Mortgage.....	500
Sept.	2	received from Mrs. Elizabeth C. Cornell, in payment of the note of her late husband, Rev. Frederick F. Cornell, for library of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.....	2,500
Oct.	5	received in payment of Bond and Mortgage.....	20,000
Nov.	29	received amount withdrawn from Trust Co.....	2,000
Dec.	15	received amount withdrawn from Trust Co.....	22,000
	27	received in cancelment of Bond.....	10,000
	20	received in payment of Bond and Mortgage.....	8,000
	22	received legacy of the late Alida Pruyn, Schenectady, to be applied to the relief of indigent and disabled ministers of the Reformed Church in America.....	500
Amount carried forward.....			\$84,534 17

1877.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$84,534 17
Jan. 12	By Cash received from John S. Perry, Executor, in payment of note of Perry & Co., being the first of a series of five notes of \$300 each, received from John S. Perry, Executor of the last will and testament of the late Samuel Gates of Albany, in settlement by compromise of the legacy given in and by said Will "to be permanently invested and the annual income to be appropriated for the benefit and applied in aid of pious young men in procuring their education for the purpose of preparing for the Gospel Ministry".....	300
31	received from Rev. A. G. Vermilye, D.D., being proceeds of sale of "Hymns of the Church." for the Church Building Fund.....	95 77
Feb. 5	received in payment of Bond and Mortgage.....	3,800
26	received on account of Bond and Mortgage of Rev. A. C. Van Raalte.....	90
April 12	received insurance on Hope College, damaged by fire April 6th. 1876.....	34 15
16	received from Gardner A. Sage as a donation for the maintenance and support of the Peter Hertzog Hall for the current year..... \$700	
	also for amount of insurance paid on the Gardner A. Sage Library Building, the library and furniture..... 23	723
16	received legacy of Mrs. Mary N. Slocum to the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.....	50
17	received on account of Bond.....	450
24	received on account of Bond and Mortgage of Rev. A. C. Van Raalte.....	50
May 4	received amount withdrawn from Trust Co.....	1,000
12	received on account of Bond.....	250
	received from Capt. Wm. Fuller, on account of his note of \$2,500 for library of the Theological Seminary, viz:	
	September 23. 1876.....	550
	October 4. 1876.....	1,000
	February 27. 1877.....	450
	Amount carried forward.....	\$93,377 09

1876.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$93,377 09
May 12	By Cash received from the Board of Education, being appropriations towards the salaries of the Theological Teachers at Hope College, Mich., as per resolution of General Synod. (Minutes 1875, page 334, resolution 3), viz:	
	May 15, 1876.....	900
	July 7, ".....	400
	August 2, ".....	200
	September 2, ".....	200
	September 30, ".....	200
	November 1, ".....	200
	December 11, ".....	200
	December 22, ".....	200
	March 22, 1877.....	400
	April 6, ".....	200
	April 25, ".....	200
	received for the expenses of General Synod. towards payment of the salaries of the Theological Teachers at Hope College, Mich., as per resolution of General Synod. (Minutes 1876, page 530, resolution 8), viz:	
Nov.	Ref. Church, Fishkill, N. Y....	\$10 35
	" Rhinebeck, N. Y..	20 02
	" Rockaway, N. J.	5
Dec.	" Hopewell, N. Y.	16 13
	" Stuyvesant, "	3 58
	" W. New Hempstead	3 34
	First Ref. Ch., Jersey City, N. J.	20
1877.	Hope Ref. Ch., Holland, Mich..	21 83
Jan.	Ref. Church, Newtown, L. I....	6 06
	" Spring Lake, Ill....	3
	First Ref. Church, Ghent, N. Y.	8
Mch.	Second Ref. Ch. Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	27 40
		144 71
Mch. 19	received from the following persons towards payment of salary of Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., as Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich, viz:	
	P. B. Eltinge.....	\$35
	J. O. Merritt.....	7
	Cash.....	25 76
		67 76
	received towards the endowment of the Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College, Mich, viz:	
1876.	Reformed Church, St. Johnsville, N. Y.....	\$9 27
Sep. 22		
	Amount Carried forward.....	\$96,889 56

1876.	Cr.	
Sept. 22	Amount brought forward.....	\$96,889 56
	By Cash per Rev. Theo. B. Romeyn,	
	D.D.; C. H. Harris.....	100
	Mrs. Joanna B. Romeyn.....	50
	Rev. Theo. B. Romeyn, D.D....	50
	per Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D.,	
	J. O. Merritt, \$100; Reformed	
	Church, Nassau, N. Y., 34;	
	Rev. J. H. Duryea, D.D., 10;	
	E. W. Rider, 2; Reformed	
	Church, New Utrecht. L. L.,	
	99.....	245
1877.	Reformed Church, Kinderhook,	
Jan. 27	N. Y., the mother of Sargent	
	Wendover, 50; N. W. Harder,	
	10; James Bain, 5.....	65
	Reformed Church, Guilford,	
	N. Y., D. McKinstry, 3; J.	
	McKinstry, 2; the Sabbath	
	School, 1 50.....	6 50
	Reformed Church, East Green-	
	bush, N. Y., J. C. Schermer-	
	horn, 5; J. Seaman, 5; Cash, 5.	15
	Reformed Church, New Balti-	
	more, N. Y.....	66 19
	Reformed Church, Coeymans,	
	N. Y.....	62 11
	Reformed Church, Centreville,	
	Mich., S. Frankish, 37 75;	
	Mrs. Alex. Stewart, 1; R.	
	McKinlay, 5; H. F. Major,	
	5; Mrs. E. H. Fletcher, 2; J.	
	Rutherford, 10; Mrs. F. Dan-	
	iels, 1; G. Bucknell, 5.....	66 75
	Reformed Church, Fairview,	
	Ills., J. J. Brokaw, 20; P. V.	
	Hoagland, 10; D. G. Polhe-	
	mus, 20; M. V. D. Voorhees,	
	10; H. H. Hartough, 10; J. K.	
	Van Doren, 3; C. B. Van	
	Syckel, 50c; J. S. Wyckoff, 5;	
	Miss J. T. Vanderveer, 5; C.	
	Wyckoff, Jr., 5; J. Berger, 5;	
	Mary Hull, 1; J. W. Bowen,	
	5; W. H. Large, 50cts; Isa-	
	bella Gunnett, 30cts; D. Sch-	
	leich, 2; P. Schleich, 2; J. P.	
	Wyckoff, 2; I. Lamb, 50cts;	
	P. Schaeffer, 50c.; C. Suy-	
	dam, 2; A. M. Powelson, 5; A.	
	Voorhees, 2; G. W. Lewis, 1; S.	
	B. Bennett, M. D., 3; P. J. Her-	
	der, 2; P. Ten Evck, 5; J. Van	
	Liew, 5; S. F. Wyckoff, 5....	137 30
	Amount carried forward.....	\$96,889 56

1877.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$96,889 56
	By Cash Reformed Church, Raritan, Ill.,	
	J. D. & A. Post, 10; I. Davis,	
	2; Mrs. A. Quick, 1; J. S.	
	Nevius, 1.....	14
	The mother of Sargent Wend-	
	over, Kinderhook.....	50
	Rev. S. A. Bumsted.....	10
	Rev. W. J. Skillman.....	10
	Ref. Church of Gallatin, Green-	
	bush, N. Y.....	55 25
	Ref. Church of Plattekill, N. Y.	41 35
	" " Ellenville, " "	44
	" " Paramus, N. J..	43 70
	" " Neshanic, " "	61 75
	Hon. A. A. Hardenbergh, Jersey	
	City, N. J.....	100
April 30	S. H. Shutts, Livingston, N. Y..	20
		1,323 17
received from the following Classes dur- ing the year, for contingent expenses of General Synod, viz:		
	Classis of Monmouth.....	\$22 53
	Holland.....	46 50
	Schenectady.....	45 45
	Greene.....	27 91
	Saratoga.....	31 15
	Kingston.....	41 60
	Wisconsin.....	38 76
	Schoharie.....	18 21
	New Brunswick.....	46 24
	Passaic.....	34 44
	Montgomery.....	45 10
	Westchester.....	37 08
	Hudson.....	37 21
	Bergen.....	25 88
	Ulster.....	49 46
	New York.....	122 72
	Orange.....	77 40
	Poughkeepsie.....	43 67
	Raritan.....	70 88
	South Bergen.....	32 62
	Albany.....	55 35
	Michigan.....	11 56
	Paramus.....	52 68
	Geneva.....	30
	Rensselaer.....	42 48
	Philadelphia.....	51 95
	Newark.....	48 24
	Cayuga.....	23 89
	Illinois.....	40 02
	Amount carried forward.....	\$98,212 73

1877.	Cr.	
	Amount brought forward.....	\$98,212 73
	By Cash South Classis of Long Island.... 69	
	North " Long Island.... 60 50	
		1,380 48
April 30	received for the Widows' Fund during the year, viz:	
	Ref. Church, Mt Vernon, N. Y.. 23 87	
	Mrs. Elizabeth Jones..... 10	
	Ref. Church, Fonda, N. Y..... 10 50	
	" " Gravesend, L. I.... 8 50	
	" " Jamaica, L. I.... 10 96	
	" " Hopewell, N. Y.. 7 20	
	First Ref. Church, Hudson, N. Y. 21 56	
	" " Poughkeepsie, " 22 55	
	Ref. Church, Montgomery, " 6 48	
	" " Greenpoint, L. I.. 6 31	
	" " Fallsburg, N. Y.. 1	
	" " Stuyvesant, " 6 11	
	" " Bushnell, Ill..... 2	
	Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer, N. Y. City..... 15	
	Knox Memorial Chapel, N. Y. 3 43	
	North Ref. Church, Newark, N. J..... 47 72	
	Wm. Clark, Esq., Newark, N. J. 50	
	Robt. F. Ballantine, Esq., New- ark, N. J..... 12 50	
	South Ref. Church, Brooklyn, L. I..... 3 25	
	Ref. Church, Sayville, L. I.... 2 75	
	First Ref. Church, Astoria, L. I. 13 75	
	Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, (second payment)..... 10	
	First Ref. Church, Brooklyn, L. I. 7	
	Ref. Church, Colts Neck, N. J... 5	
	South Ref. Church, Bergen, " 2 50	
	Collegiate Ref. Dutch Church, N. Y..... 204 79	
	Ref. Church, Pascack, N. J.... 1 78	
	" " Berea, N. Y..... 4	
	" " Germantown, N. Y. 2 60	
	" " Readington, N. J. 8 92	
	" " Clove, N. Y..... 5 19	
	Lafayette Ref. Church, Jersey City, N. J..... 10	
	Ref. Church, Middlebush, N. J. 7	
	" " 12th st., Brooklyn, L. I..... 8 95	
	Ref. Church, Holmdel, N. J.... 8 38	
	" " Nyack, N. Y..... 19 42	
	" " St. Johnsville, N. Y. 2	
	Second Ref. Church, New Bruns- wick, N. J..... 11 49	
	Amount carried forward.....	\$99,593 21

1877.

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Amount brought forward.....		\$99.593 21
By Cash First Ref. Church, Rotterdam, N. Y.....	6	
Ref. Church, Brighton, Heights, S. I.....	8 19	
Ref. Church, South Bend, Ind..	1 25	
" " Wyckoff, N. J....	4	
" " Germantown, N. Y.	3 53	
Second Ref. Church, Newark, N. J.....	4 04	
German Evangelical Church, (St. Peters), Williamsburgh, L. I..	3	
Ref. Church, Mina Corners, N. Y.	74	
" " Fallsburgh, N. Y.	2 40	
First Ref. Church, Glenville, N. Y.	16	
Ref. Church, Sixth Avenue, "	9 06	
" " New Hackensack, N. Y.....	3 67	
Ref. Church, Colt's Neck, N. J.	2	
" " Rocky Hill, "	1 50	
" " Fultonville, N. Y.	12 81	
" " Long Branch, N. J.	5	
Second Ref. Church, Claverack, N. Y.....	6 60	
received for the Widows' Fund during the year, where \$20 of each amount is to apply to the credit of pastors, viz:		688 25
Ref. Church, Branchville, N. J., Rev. Wm. Pitcher, Pastor....	\$20	
Ref. Church, Niskayuna, N. Y., Lisha's Kill, N. Y., Rev. J. A. De Baun, Pastor.....	25	
Ref. Church, English Neighbor- hood, N. J., Rev. A. B. Tay- lor, Pastor.....	20	
Ref. Church, South Holland, Ill., Rev. A. Buursma, Pastor.	20	
Ref. Church on the Heights, Brooklyn, L. I., Rev. David Inglis, D.D., Pastor.....	21 19	
First Ref. Church, Pella, Iowa, Rev. E. Winter, Pastor.....	20	
First Ref. Church, New Bruns- wick, N. J., Rev. R. H. Steele. D.D., Pastor.....	20	
Ref. Church, Niskayuna, N. Y., Lisha's Kill, N. Y., Rev. J. A. De Baun, Pastor.....	21 30	
Ref. Church, Readington, N. J., Rev. John H. Smock, Pastor..	20	
Ref. Ch., Flatlands, L. I., Rev. Anson Du Bois, D.D., Pastor.	20	
Amount carried forward.....		\$ 100,281 46

1877.

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Amount carried forward.....	\$100,281 46
By Cash Ref. Church, New Utrecht, L. I., Rev. David Sutphen, Pastor.....	\$20
Ref. Church, Flatbush, L. I., Rev. C. L. Wells, Pastor.....	20
Ref. Church, Leeds, N. Y., Rev. B. Van Zandt, D.D., Pastor..	20
Ref. Church, Acquackanonk, N. J., Rev. John Gaston, D.D., Pastor.....	20
Ref. Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Rev. David Cole, D.D., Pastor.	23 25
Third Ref. Church, Jersey City, N. J., Rev. J. H. Suydam, Pastor.....	26 97
German Evangelical Mission Church, N. Y., Rev. J. W. Geyer, Pastor.....	20
Ref. Church, Branchville, N. J., Rev. Wm. Pitcher, Pastor....	20
Second Ref. Church, Pough- keepsie, N. Y., Rev. J. Elmen- dorf, D.D., Pastor.....	35
Ref. Church, New Paltz, N. Y., Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., Pas- tor.....	20
Broadway Ref. Church, Pater- son, N. J., Rev. W. H. Clark, Pastor.....	23 05
Second Ref. Church, Claverack, N. Y., to apply to the credit of Rev. Elbert N. Sebring.....	20
Ref. Church, 34th St., N. Y., Rev. Carlos Martyn, Pastor...	20
495 76	
received from the following clergymen during the year. for their annual pay- ments to the Widows' Fund, viz:	
Rev. John H. Duryea, D.D.....	20
R. Pieters.....	20
Jas. R. Talmage, D.D.....	20
David D. Demarest, D.D....	20
N. H. Dosker.....	20
A. Kriekard.....	20
Jacob Van der Meulen.....	20
G. J. Nykerk.....	20
S. T. Searle.....	20
M. Swick.....	20
M. V. Schoonmaker.....	20
P. D. Van Cleef, D.D.....	20
R. Pieters.....	20
Cyril Spaulding.....	20
Amount brought forward.....	\$100,777 22

1877.	Cr.	
April 30	Amount brought forward.....	\$100,777 22
	By Cash Rev. F. M. Bogardus.....	20
	John H. Duryea, D.D.....	20
	Wm. E. Bogardus.....	20
	S. M. Woodbridge, D.D....	20
	W. P. De Jonge.....	20
	B. C. Lippincott.....	20
	John Gardner.....	20
	I. Collier.....	20
	J. H. Van Doren.....	20
	I. S. Demund, D.D.....	20
	Jas. R. Talmage, D.D.....	20
	Geo. A. Mills.....	20
	Jas. Huyssoon.....	20
	J. A. Lansing, D.D.....	20
	E. Vedder.....	20
	A. J. Sebring.....	20
	M. V. Schoonmaker, (second payment).....	20
received for the Disabled Ministers' Fund during the year as follows:		
Ref. Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.,		23 88
" " Bronxville, "		8 30
" " Fonda, "		10 50
" " Gravesend, L. I. . .		8 50
" " Jamaica, " . . .		10 96
" " Syracuse, N. Y.		5 16
" " Hopewell, "		7 20
First Ref. Church, Hudson, "		21 56
" " Poughkeepsie, "		22 54
Second Ref. Ch., Pella, Iowa. . .		4 59
Ref. Church, Geneva, N. Y.		10 90
" " on the Heights, Brooklyn, L. I.		21 19
Ref. Church, Greenpoint, L. I. . .		6 31
" " Montgomery, N. Y.		6 48
" " Fallsburg, "		1
" " Bushnell, Ill.,		4
" " New Prospect, N. Y.		9 50
Mrs. Francis T. Luqueer, N. Y. City.		15
Knox Memorial Chapel, N. Y. City.		3 44
Ref. Church, Fishkill, N. Y. . . .		6 54
" " Sayville, L. I.		2 50
" " Stuyvesant, N. Y. . .		3
First Ref. Church, Pella, Iowa. .		10
North Ref. Church, Newark, N. J.		47 72
First Ref. Church, New Bruns- wick, N. J.		6
Wm. Clark, Esq., Newark, N. J.		50
Amount brought forward.....		\$101,397 22

1877.	Cr.	
April 30	Amount brought forward.....	\$101,397 22
	By Cash Robt. F. Ballantine, Esq., New-	
	ark, N. J.....	\$12 50
	Ref. Church, Rocky Hill, N. J..	2
	South Ref. Church, Brooklyn,	
	L. I.	3 25
	First Ref. Church, Astoria, L. I.	13 75
	Ref. Church, Utica, N. Y.....	54 79
	First Ref. Church, Brooklyn, L. I.	7
	Ref. Church, English Neighbor-	
	hood, N. J.....	10
	Aaron Fuller, Helderbergh, N. Y.	7 50
	Ref. Church, Flatlands, L. I....	1 40
	" " Colt's Neck, N. J.	5
	Second Ref. Ch. Freehold, "	14 39
	South " " Bergen, "	2 50
	Collegiate Ref. Dutch Church,	
	N. Y. City.....	204 80
	Ref. Church, Pascack, N. J....	1 78
	" " Berea, N. Y.....	4
	" " Bushnell, Ill.....	2
	" " Readington, N. J..	8 91
	" " Clove, N. Y.....	5 19
	Mrs. Anna Fowler.....	1
	Lafayette Ref. Church, Jersey	
	City, N. J.....	10
	Ref. Church, Middlebush, N. J..	7
	" " 12th St., Brooklyn.	
	L. I.	8 95
	Ref. Church, Pompton, N. J....	11
	" " Flatbush, L. I....	12
	" " Brighton Heights,	
	S. I.	8 50
	Ref. Church, Holmdel, N. J....	19 24
	" " Nyack, N. Y.....	20 20
	" " Lodi, "	6 80
	" " St. Johnsville, N. Y.	2
	Second Ref. N. Brunswick, N. J.	11 50
	Ref. Church, Yonkers, N. Y....	5
	" " South Bend, Ind..	1 25
	German Evangelical Mission	
	Church, N. Y. City.....	10
	Ref. Church, Bushnell, Ill.....	2
	" " Wyckoff, N. J....	4
	Second Ref. Ch., Newark, N. J.	4 05
	German Evangelical Church, (St.	
	Peters), Williamsburgh, L. I..	2
	Second Ref. Church, Poughkeep-	
	sie, N. Y.....	15
	Ref. Church, Mina Corners, N. Y.	70
	First Ref. Church, Glenville, "	10
	Ref. Church, New Paltz, "	5 91
	Amount carried forward.....	\$101,397 22

1877.	Cr.	
April 30	Amount brought forward.....	\$101,397 22
	By Cash Ref. Church, New Hackensack, N. Y.....	3 68
	Ref. Church, Sixth ave., N. Y. City.....	9 06
	Ref. Church, Jerusalem, N. Y....	5 76
	Broadway Ref. Church, Pater- son, N. J.....	26 35
	Ref. Church, Colt's Neck, N. J.	2
	Ref. Church, Fultonville, N. Y....	11 81
	" " Long Branch, N. J.	5
	Second Ref. Church, Claverack, N. Y.....	3 55
	Ref. Church, Thirty-fourth St., New York City.....	15 10
	received for the Centennial Seminary Fund, during the year, viz:	947 94
	Ref. Church, Lafayette, N. J....	31
	First Ref. Church, Hudson, N. Y.	34 15
	Ref. Church, Hopewell, "	28 60
	" " Rhinebeck, "	31 75
	" " Franklin, N. J....	22 50
	" " South Bend, Ind..	12 75
	" " Wyckoff, N. J....	12 25
	Second Ref. Church, Freehold, N. J.....	15 98
	North Ref. Church, Newark, N. J.	14 81
	Second " " Grand Rap- ids, Mich.....	30
	Ref. Church, Paramus, N. J....	10 52
	Second Ref. Church, Poughkeep- sie, N. Y.....	33 54
	Ref. Church, Stone Arabia, N. Y.	4 73
	" " Ephratah, "	1 95
	" " Flatlands, "	19
	" " New Paltz, "	30 48
	" " Stuyvesant, "	1
	Second Ref. Church, New Brunswick, N. J.....	42 48
	Second Ref. Church, Somerville, N. J.....	21 43
	Second Ref. Church, Kingston, N. Y.....	25
	received for interest on bonds, notes, etc.. during the year, viz:	423 92
	1876.	
	May.....	\$3,110
	June.....	4,922 50
	July.....	1,520 81
	August.....	2,459 10
	Amount carried forward.....	\$102,769 08

1876.	Cr.	
April 30	Amount brought forward..... September.....\$2,522 October.....3,797 46 November.....3,083 75 December.....5,441 54	\$102,769 08
	1877.	
	January.....547 50 February.....1,995 82 March.....3,660 33 April.....3,407 50	36,468 31
		<u>\$139,237 39</u>
May 1	By Balance brought forward	<u>\$9,524 86</u>

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JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1877.

The subscribers, a Committee appointed to examine the accounts of JOHN I. BROWER, Treasurer, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand of Ninety-five hundred and twenty-four dollars and eighty-six cents.

GARDNER A. SAGE, }
 PETER S. DURYEE, } *Committee.*

May 30th, 1877.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

IN THE

Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J. May 1, 1877.

Van Rensselaer.....	\$1,700
Wm. Patterson Van Rensselaer.....	1,700
Rutgers.....	1,700
Heyer.....	1,700
Cornell.....	2,000
Wyckoff.....	2,500
Margaret Burgess.....	1,700
John Clark.....	3,000
James Bogart, Jr.....	2,000
Isaac L. Kip.....	1,700
Tannake Turk.....	1,700
Richard Cadmus.....	2,000
Stryker.....	2,000
Hornbeck. Two Scholarships.....	4,000
Freeborn.....	2,000
Bequest Rev. Nicholas Lansing.....	600
James Bogart, Jr. Second Scholarship.....	2,000
Cuyler.....	2,000
Margaret Ten Eyck.....	2,000
Catalina Ten Eyck.....	2,000
Daniel J. Schanck.....	3,000
Moses Cowan.....	2,500
Bequest of Samuel Gates on account.....	545 98
Theodore Frelinghuysen De Witt.....	2,500
James Suydam Gift. Four Scholarships.....	12,000
Edward Lansing Pruyn.....	2,500
Maria R. Lefferts.....	8,402 64
Garret Y. Lansing.....	2,500
Ernest Blois.....	2,500
Bequest of Joshua Hornbeck.....	2,000
“ of Janet Hinchman.....	470
“ of Ann James.....	2,350
Gain on sale of Government Bonds.....	468 54
Bequest of James B. Laing.....	7,500
Louisa Hasbrouck.....	5,000
	<hr/> \$94,237 16

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

New York, May 1st, 1877.

Dr. *Expense Account of the General Synod*

1876.			
June	To Cash paid Corresponding Delegates for travel-		
	ing expenses	\$193	45
	Delegates from the Particular Synod of		
	Chicago.....	428	
9	insurance on Hertzog Hall.....	290	27
12	expenses of Meeting of General Synod...	59	63
	Stated Clerk of the Board of Superinten-		
	dents for one year's salary and expenses	27	80
28	insurance on three Professorial dwellings.	81	
Sept. 6	printing Annual Reports and Treasurer's		
	Account.....	12	45
Nov. 25	salary of Janitor of Hertzog Hall for one		
	year, \$100. Fuel 20.....	120	
	Gardner A. Sage for amount borrowed		
	March 10, 1876.....	975	
Dec. 18	Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., for one		
	year's salary and expenses as Perma-		
	nent Clerk of General Synod.....	105	
22	Stated Clerk of General Synod for one		
	year's salary.....	250	
1877.			
Jan. 6	insurance on furniture in Hertzog Hall..	20	62
	insurance on Gardner A. Sage Library		
	Building, Library, &c.....	23	
Mar. 7	insurance on Professorial dwelling.....	37	50
9	insurance on Professorial dwelling.....	10	50
April 16	Gardner A. Sage donation for the main-		
	tenance and support of the Peter Hert-		
	zog Hall.....	700	
18	insurance on three Professorial dwellings.	67	50
30	apportionment of salary of Treasurer....	570	83
	paid the following Professors in the Theo-		
	logical Seminary, at New Brunswick,		
	during the year, viz:		
	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D. \$3,004 68		
	Rev. John De Witt, D.D..... 3,004 68		
	Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge,		
	D.D..... 3,004 68		
		9,014	04
23	paid John I. Brower amount borrowed		
	July 26th, 1876.....	1,290	
		\$14,276	59

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1876.			
May	1	By Balance from last account.....	\$569 28
	19	By cash received on account of subscription made in June, 1873, for meeting deficiency in income of General Synod.....	10
	31	for interest on subscription.....	300
June	22	“ “ “ Bond, Garrett G. Bergen.	30
		for interest on subscription.....	45
July	7	for interest on Bond, Sioux City & Pacific R. R. Co.....	30
	26	borrowed of John I. Brower.....	1,290
Aug.	9	for interest on Bond and Mortgage.....	16 60
Dec.	1	for dividend on Bergen Turnpike Stock..	3 25
1877.			
Jan.	30	for interest on Bond, Pequannac Town- ship.....	15
	23	for interest on Bond, Sioux City & Pacific R. R. Co.....	30
	27	for interest on Bond, Peter Cortelyou....	175
April	16	donation from Gardner A. Sage for the maintenance and support of the Peter Hertzog Hall for the current year.....	700
		amount refunded by Gardner A. Sage for insurance paid on the Sage Library Building, Library, &c.....	23
		from Classes during the year for contin- gent expenses.....	1,380 48
		for interest on Bonds and Mortgages during the year.....	9,268 57
May	1	By Balance carried to Permanent Seminary Fund in accordance with authority of General Synod June, 1876.....	390 41
			<hr/> \$14,276 59

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JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1877.

Annual Digest.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

FUNDS DEVOTED TO EDUCATION.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, amounted on April 1st, 1877, to.....	\$20,313 57
(which is loaned on bonds secured by mortgages)....	
There has been paid to Students, &c., out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	1,502 50
Balance on hand April 1st, 1877.....	<u>1,567 75</u>

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages is.....	\$2,000
There has been paid to students, out of the income of this Fund, during the year.....	225
Balance on hand April 1st, 1877.....	<u>349 52</u>

EDUCATION FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc.....	\$94,237 16
Balance of interest received to April 30th, 1877.....	<u>3,382 54</u>

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc.....	\$10,000
And twenty shares of the capital stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., par value.....	<u>2,000</u>

PERMANENT SEMINARY FUND.

Amount of this Fund invested for the General Fund.....	\$100,666	15
Less deficiency in expense account, deducted in accordance with authority of General Synod June, 1876.....	390	41
	<u>\$100,275</u>	<u>74</u>
Fourth Professorial Fund.....	30,537	66
Thomas De Witt Professorship.....	5,915	
James Suydam Professorial Fund.....	60,000	
	<u>\$196,728</u>	<u>40</u>

Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College.

Amount of subscriptions to the Permanent Fund, upon which interest is received.....	<u>\$5,750</u>
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PERMANENT SEMINARY FUND DEFICIT.

Amount due the Permanent Seminary Fund, April 30th, 1876, being for advances from that Fund made under the instructions of General Synod for salaries, completion and repairs of dwellings, and for lectures, etc..	\$29,649	68
Deficiency of Expense Account, April 30th, 1877.....	390	41
	<u>\$30,040</u>	<u>09</u>

PERMANENT CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount of this Fund, April 30th, 1877, invested.....	<u>\$2,552</u>	<u>25</u>
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DONATION OF COLONEL HENRY RUTGERS.

Amount of this Fund held in trust for Rutgers College....	<u>\$5,000</u>
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WIDOWS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc.....	\$46,919	14
There has been paid to annuitants out of the income of this Fund, during the year.....	2,537	46
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1877.....	\$1,563	02
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1877, temporarily invested.....	458	53
	<u>2,021</u>	<u>55</u>

DISABLED MINISTERS' FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds, secured by mortgages, etc.....	\$18,750	
Balance on hand, April 30, 1877.....	2,184	98
There has been paid out of the income of this Fund during the year.....	4,475	

LEGACY OF MRS. ANN HERTZOG.

This Legacy, the interest of which is to be applied for repairs to Hertzog Hall, is invested on bonds secured by mortgages, etc.....		\$10,000
Balance of interest on hand April 30th, 1877.....		<u>100</u>

VEDDER LECTURE FUND.

This Fund was composed of ten Bonds of \$1,000 each of the Toledo and Wabash Railway Company.

At the present time there is no value for them.

THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY.

There has been received for securing a Library, including interest.....		\$50,543 42
And two Township bonds.....		<u>2,000</u>
		52,543 42
And there has been paid to the Hertzog Hall Committee....		34,750
Balance on hand, April 30th, 1877:		
Cash.....	\$7,793 42	
Invested.....	8,000	
Two Township bonds.....	<u>2,000</u>	
		<u>\$17,793 42</u>

JAMES SUYDAM PROFESSORIAL RESIDENCE.

Amount of this Fund, April 30th, 1877, invested on bonds secured by mortgages, is.....		<u>\$4,591 99</u>
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1877, received for support of the James Suydam Hall.....		<u>\$7 76</u>
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1877, received for the improvements of the Buildings and Grounds of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J.		<u>7 76</u>

JAMES SUYDAM PROFESSORIAL FUND.

Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1877.....	<u>\$954 57</u>
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HOPE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, &c.....	\$19,819 83
Balance of interest on hand, April 30, 1877.....	<u>554 49</u>

PROFESSORSHIP OF DIDACTIC AND POLEMIC THEOLOGY
AT HOPE COLLEGE, MICH.

Amount of moneys invested on bonds secured by mortgages, &c., for the endowment of this Fund.....	\$4,904 69
Balance of interest on hand, April 30th, 1877.....	52 40
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CENTENNIAL SEMINARY FUND.

Amount received for this Fund during the year.....	<u><u>\$423 92</u></u>
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ASSETS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER.

Bonds and mortgages, and bonds and notes amounting to ..	\$419,711 99
Railroad bonds (including Vedder Lecture Fund bonds)....	12,000.
Township bonds.....	2,250
Deposits in Trust Companies.....	7,500
Cash in bank.....	9,524 86
	<u><u>\$450,986 85</u></u>

Advances for salaries, completion and repairs of dwellings, lectures, etc., from the Permanent Seminary Fund, made under the instructions of General Synod, and due that Fund.....	<u><u>\$30,040 09</u></u>
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MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD,

AS REPORTED BY REV. P. D. VAN CLEEF, D.D., STATED CLERK.

Received for Minutes, including balance on hand last year..	\$792 54
Paid on printing Minutes.....	706 63
	<u><u> </u></u>
Balance in hands of Stated Clerk.....	<u><u>\$85 91</u></u>

JOHN VAN NEST, *President.*

GARDNER A. SAGE,
WILLIAM H. STEELE, } *Directors.*
PETER S. DURYEE,

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

New York, May 1st, 1877.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF GENERAL SYNOD, MAY 1, 1877.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

In accordance with resolution of the General Synod, I herewith forward an estimate of the amount necessary to be raised to meet the deficiency in the revenues of the Synod for the year commencing May 1st, 1877.

EXPENSES RELATING TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Salaries for three Professors.....	\$9,000
Salary of the Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents and expenses.....	30
Salary of Janitor of the Hertzog Theological Hall and fuel.....	120
Salary of Treasurer of General Synod, apportionment....	575
Insurance of Hertzog Theological Hall.....	300
Insurance on Professorial Dwellings.....	200
Repairs.....	200
Sundries.....	150
	<hr/> 10,575
Estimated interest to meet the same.....	9,063
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Deficiency.....	\$1,512

OTHER EXPENSES.

Traveling expenses of Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago.....	\$423
Traveling expenses of Corresponding Delegates.....	300
Salary of the Stated Clerk and expenses.....	260
Salary of the Permanent Clerk and expenses.....	105
Expenses of the Meeting of Synod.....	75
Sundries.....	200
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Estimate to meet the same by assessment on the Classes....	\$1,368

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

New York, May 1st, 1877.

REPORT ON ENDOWMENT OF SEMINARY.

The Synod's Executive Committee on the Endowment of the Seminary at New Brunswick, appointed in 1873, presented the following report which was accepted :

The General Synod's Executive Committee on the Endowment of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, appointed in 1873, respectfully report, that during the last year they have not thought it expedient to resume their effort to increase the Permanent Seminary Fund, but are anxiously awaiting the time when the financial condition of the country shall so far improve as to give reasonable hopes of success. We are convinced that to press the claims of the Seminary now would result in harm, but stand ready to act vigorously whenever the favorable time shall come.

Your Committee will further say, that we have had conference with the Committee appointed in 1875 "to separate and arrange the different funds and endowments of the General Synod in accordance with the intentions of donors and of the General Synod, &c.," and it has been concluded that action in that direction should be postponed until the Committee on Endowment shall be able to report further success in increasing the Permanent Seminary Fund, when, by permission of the General Synod, a plan for such distribution and arrangement will be proposed.

With regard to the annual deficiency in income that has been referred to this Committee for several years, the action of the last General Synod proved sufficient. At the suggestion of this Committee, and upon approval by a Special Committee of elders appointed to consider and report upon the suggestion, the Treasurer of the General Synod was directed to use for the deficiency of the year, estimated at \$1,370, "any of the funds received for the ordinary expenses of the General Synod since June, 1873, which were not specially given for the Permanent Fund for special purposes, or for the reduction of the debt of the Synod." The report of the Treasurer to the present Synod shows that the actual deficiency thus provided for has been only \$390.14.

The estimated deficiency for the current year is \$1,512. To provide for this, there still remains a balance of \$2,290.35, received as above for ordinary annual expenses, since June, 1873.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the following resolution, and if for any reason there should still be a deficiency, they stand prepared to make such effort as may be necessary, until the increase of the Permanent Fund shall be ample for all purposes.

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby renews for the current year, the authority given to the Treasurer by the last General Synod, to use for deficiency in income any of the funds received for ordinary expenses of the General Synod, since June, 1873, and which were not expressly given for the Permanent Fund, for the reduction of the debt of the Synod, or for other special purposes.

A vacancy has occurred in the Committee by the removal of the Rev. M. L. Berger, to a field of labor beyond the bounds of Synod. We beg leave to recommend that the Committee be continued, and that the vacancy be filled by the appointment of Rev. R. W. Clark, D.D., of the Particular Synod of Albany.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC S. HARTLEY,

Chairman pro tem.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTION.

The Committee on the Board of Direction presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on the Board of Direction, respectfully present the following report:

The Committee have had the following papers referred to them:

Annual Report of the Board of Direction.

Treasurer's Annual Account.

Annual Digest.

List of Securities belonging to General Synod May 1, 1877.

List of Real Estate belonging to General Synod.

List of Endowed Scholarships in the Theological Seminary.

Education Fund Account.

Education Fund Income Account.

Expense Account, May 1, 1877.

The Van Benschoten Fund Account.

The Knox Fund Account.

Hope College Income Account.

Expense Account of General Synod.

An estimate of the amount to be raised to meet the deficiency in the revenues of Synod the current year.

All of the above documents were presented to Synod by the Board of Direction.

The report of the Board of Direction shows that there have been received during the last financial year, toward the endowment of the Thomas De Witt Professorship, the sum of one hundred dollars.

From the executors of the will of Alida Pruyn, five hundred dollars, by her bequeathed for the relief of Disabled and Indigent Gospel Ministers.

From bequest of Samuel Gates, on account, three hundred dollars, in aid of young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry.

From bequest of Mrs. Mary N. Slocum, fifty dollars for the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

For the Endowment Fund at Hope College, five hundred dollars on account of the Aaron Clement Scholarship.

And a donation of seven hundred dollars from Gardner A. Sage, for the support of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall for the current year.

The report also shows that the Widows' Fund now amounts to \$46,919.14. The collections from Churches and individuals during the year have been \$1,184.01. Annuitants have been paid from the income of the Fund semi-annually, on the first day of May and November, 1876, to the amount of \$2,537.46.

One annual subscriber has withdrawn from the Fund the proportion of his former subscription to which the rules of the Fund entitled him.

That the Vedder Lecture Fund has produced no income during the last year, and that the Bonds of which that Fund is composed, have become almost, if not entirely worthless.

That the Centennial Seminary Fund, recommended by the General Synod, now amounts to \$423.92.

It further appears by the same report, that by resolution of General Synod of 1875, vol. 12, p. 250, the Treasurer of General Synod was directed to reserve from the income for the

maintenance and support of the James Suydam Hall, the amount required for the insurance of the Hall for the previous two years. Apprehending from the Preamble to the Resolution that Synod intended the same course to be further pursued, the Treasurer has also paid the insurance for the present year from the same source. If Synod approves of this course, and wishes it to be continued, action to that effect is deemed desirable.

It is the opinion of your Committee that the Synod should approve of this action, and that the same should be continued. That James Suydam never intended that the Hall, which bears his name, should be a tax upon any of the funds of the Church.

Your Committee propose the following Resolution to be adopted by Synod.

Resolved, That the action of the Treasurer of Synod in paying the insurance on Suydam Hall, the last year, is approved, and he is hereby directed to pay the insurance from time to time on said Hall, from the income of the same Fund, until Synod shall otherwise direct.

The Annual Digest of the Board of Direction, which has been submitted to the Synod and placed in the Committee's hands, gives a full statement of the funds devoted to Education, Permanent Seminary Fund, Permanent Seminary Fund Deficit, Permanent Contingent Fund, Donation of Col. Henry Rutgers, Widows' Fund, Disabled Ministers' Fund, Legacy of Mrs. Ann Hertzog, Vedder Lecture Fund, Theological Library Fund, James Suydam Professorial Residence Fund, the James Suydam Professorial Fund, Hope College Endowment Fund, Professorship of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Hope College Fund, Centennial Seminary Fund.

Also the assets in the hands of the Treasurer.

As that Digest appears in full detail in the printed report of the Board of Direction to Synod, and will also appear in the printed Minutes of Synod, your Committee do not insert it in this report, but beg to refer to same as it is printed, and has been placed in the hands of all the members of Synod.

Your Committee deemed it proper, if not entirely within the scope of their appointment, to make inquiry into the safety of the securities owned by the Synod and in the hands of the

Board of Direction. In these times of shrinkage in the values of both real and personal estate, it is important that Trustees should exercise great care and caution, not only in making investments, but in the management of those made in more prosperous times. The inquiries made by your Committee lead them to a conclusion that Synod should feel entirely satisfied that their trust is in safe and judicious hands.

Last year, the Committee on the Board of Direction in their report to Synod, said :

“ Your Committee having directed the attention of Synod to the deficiency in the Permanent Fund, arising from advances and payments therefrom, for purposes not properly payable therefrom, deem that they are not required to make any suggestion in reference to the restoration of the moneys directed therefrom, and leave it to Synod to devise and provide means for that purpose.” Synod took no action upon the subject.

The facts are in brief: By direction of former Synods, advances have been made from the Permanent Seminary Fund for salaries, completion and repairs of dwellings, and for lectures, in all amounting now to \$30,040.09, and is denominated by the Treasurer, “ Permanent Seminary Fund Deficit,” in his Annual Digest of this year. Holding this amount is due to the Permanent Seminary Fund, he counts it an asset.

By reference to the report of the Board of Direction, it will be seen that the deficiency for the expenses relating to the Theological Seminary for the year ending May 1st, 1877, is put at \$1,512. The Treasurer and members of the Board have informed the Committee that it would be safe to put the amount at \$1,200, as some of the items of expenses mentioned in their report, will not, upon reflection, be incurred.

To pay the expenses of Delegates from the Particular Synod of Chicago, traveling expenses of Corresponding Delegates, &c., as estimated amounting to \$1,368, the usual provision must be made by assessment on the Classes.

In view of these facts, the Committee offer the following resolutions :

First. *Resolved*, That the Synod make provision for the estimated deficiency of funds which, as reported by the Board of Direction, will exist in the revenues applicable to the ex-

penses relating to the Theological Seminary, amounting to \$1,200.

Second. That the estimated deficiency of funds for the payment of the other expenses reported by the Board, in the contingent expenses of the General Synod, amounting to the sum of one thousand three hundred and sixty-eight dollars, be apportioned among the several Classes and be collected from them.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. S. DANFORTH. *Chairman.*

Mr. John Van Nest was elected President of the Board.

Mr. Gardner A. Sage was re-elected a member of the Board for the term of five years.

Mr. John I. Brower was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. It was

Resolved, That as the President of Hope College has been acting as endowment agent under the Board of Direction, the Board be authorized, in closing the accounts of Rev. Philip Phelps, to audit his account, and to pay what may be due to him from the Endowment Fund, on account of expenses incurred in the work of endowment.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Reports were received as follows from delegates of this Synod to other bodies, and were read immediately before the addresses of the several delegates from those bodies to this Synod. From Rev. C. E. Crispell, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America ; from Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, (South) ; from Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, delegate to the Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, assembled at Ottawa, Canada ; and also from Rev. James Demarest, Jr., delegate to the Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church convened at Philadelphia.

The credentials of Rev. John B. Adger, D.D., corresponding delegate from the Presbyterian Church in the United States, (South) ; of Rev. Andrew Murray, from the Reformed Dutch

Church of the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa ; of Rev. J. Howard Smith, D.D., and Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, LL.D., from the Reformed Episcopal Church ; of Rev. J. S. McCulloch and Rev. W. W. Barr, D.D., from the United Presbyterian Church of North America ; of Rev. George A. Howard, D.D., and Rev. Howard Crosby, D.D., from the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

The evening of the third day of the Session was set apart for the reception of corresponding delegates, when Rev. John B. Adger, D.D., Rev. Andrew Murray, Rev. J. Howard Smith, and Hon. Stewart L. Woodford were welcomed, and delivered addresses, which were responded to by the President.

A letter was read from Rev. J. S. McCulloch.

On the fourth day, Rev. Howard Crosby, D.D., LL.D., was received, and briefly addressed the Synod.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Correspondence would respectfully report :

That there have been referred to them the credentials of the following corresponding delegates, who have been welcomed to the Synod, and who have addressed it :

The Rev. Howard Crosby, D.D., LL.D., from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

The Rev. John B. Adger, D.D., from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, (South).

The Rev. J. Howard Smith, D.D., and the Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, LL.D., from the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church, and

The Rev. Andrew Murray, from the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa.

The credentials of the Rev. J. S. McCulloch and the Rev. W. W. Barr, D.D., from the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, were also received, together with a letter from the Rev. Mr. McCulloch, explaining the reasons of his absence, and conveying to this Synod the Christian salutation of the Church which he represents.

Reports have been received from the following delegates of this Synod to corresponding bodies:

From the Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D., delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

From the Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, (South), and

From the Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D., delegate to the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church assembled at Ottawa, Canada.

Also from Rev. James Demarest, Jr., delegate to the Reformed Episcopal Council assembled at Philadelphia.

Your Committee notice that this Synod, at its last session, appointed corresponding delegates to seven other bodies.

The Synod, at its session in 1872. (see Minutes of that year, page 441), took the following action:

“Resolved, That in any case where a delegate from any other body has not appeared for two years, our appointed delegate shall correspond by letter.”

It would seem, beyond question, that the delegates appointed are expected either to be present at the sessions of the bodies to which they are sent, or to convey our Christian salutations by letter, and to report their action to this Synod. But your Committee notice that the delegates to the following bodies, viz: The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in North America, The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, have submitted no report to this Synod as to whether they discharged the duties laid upon them, nor any reason for such failure.

Your Committee would recommend that the attention of the several corresponding delegates appointed by this Synod be called to the duty expected of them, in the hope that at the next session of this Synod reports will be presented from all those who are commissioned to bear our salutations to other branches of Christ's Church.

We would also recommend that the Stated Clerk be authorized to send a copy of the Minutes of this Synod to the

Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa, together with a fraternal letter, expressing our interest in our brethren in that far-off land.

We find, on examination of the official document of the conference preliminary to the Presbyterian Council which is to meet in Edinburgh, Scotland, in July next, that our Church is entitled to *ten* delegates. But it appears that the Synod elected five *Primarii* and five *Secundi*, of whom it is understood that only *five* are prepared to go.

We therefore beg to recommend the appointment of the following additional delegates :

The Hon. Samuel Sloan.
Henry Van Arsdale, M.D.
Henry W. Bookstaver, Esq.
Peter Donald, Esq.
Hon. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen.

We would also recommend the following :

Resolved, That the Rev. Philip Peltz, D.D., be requested, when he visits the Continent, to present the Christian salutations of this Synod to the Synod of the French Reformed Church, or to any of the brethren of that Church whom he may meet.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. CLARK, *Chairman*.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The Committee on Correspondence having nominated a double number, Synod elected the following delegates to corresponding bodies :

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America :—Rev. E. P. Rogers, *Primarius* ; Rev. Wm. R. Duryee, *Secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (South) :—Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, *Primarius* ; Rev. David Cole, *Secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church :—Rev. John Steele, *Primarius* ; Rev. Jacob Van Der Meulen, *Secundus*.

*To the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:—*Rev. B. C. Lippincott, *Primarius*; Rev. Artemus Dean, *Secundus*.

*To the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church:—*Rev. C. D. Hartranft, *Primarius*; Rev. E. S. Fairchild, *Secundus*.

*To the Canada Presbyterian Church:—*Rev. C. Van Santvoord, *Primarius*; Rev. Chr. Van Der Veen, *Secundus*.

*To the Evangelical Lutheran Church:—*Rev. John B. Drury, *Primarius*; Rev. H. W. F. Jones, *Secundus*.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on the State of Religion, would present the following Report:

The Church has not been favored during the last year with special reviving influences, on so wide a scale as during the year that preceded it. In the year last named, "nearly every Church of every Classis," in the language of the report, shared in the wide-spread mercy showers which the Divine hand poured down. In the year just closed, these showers indeed have not ceased to fall; but, instead of overspreading all the ground with their fructifying influences, they have fallen copiously only on particular localities, as if to attract the eye of the Church to what the Lord has ever in store for his people who long and pray, and to impress upon them that his mercy never wearies in bestowing benefits.

The Classes of Albany, of Greene, of Philadelphia, of Schenectady, of New York, of New Brunswick, the two Classes of Long Island, of Saratoga, of Chicago, and one or two others are among those which have been permitted to rejoice the last year, in special outpourings of the Spirit upon several of their churches, resulting in a large ingathering of souls into their communion. The influence, too, of the showers of the former year, has extended far into the year last passed, mellowing and enriching the soil so that the seed sown in it, has continued

still to spring up and bear fruits, to the glory of God and the joy of many hearts.

Thus the classical reports of the several Synods speak of the tokens of the Divine presence which have cheered them during the year, such as the prayer-meetings being well sustained and full of interest, large attendance on the sanctuary services, the Sabbath-school and catechetical classes prosperous; with steady and encouraging additions to a large number of the churches. They point too, many of them, to their Christian offerings, as not having been seriously diminished by the stringency of the times, and in a grateful spirit, refer to these things as evidences that the Lord has been with them during the year, recognizing the work done for Him, and crowning it with his blessing.

As the fruit of this favor, it appears that the aggregate of members received on confession, the past year, exceeds that of the year preceding—which was a year that witnessed exceptionally large accessions to the churches—for the total received on confession within the year now closed, is 6,408, as compared with 5,993 in the year before it, a difference of 415 members. The number received on certificate the last year, is 2,133, showing an increase of 160, over the number thus received the preceding year. The number of dismissals is 1,420, being 513 less than the former year, while 1,145 deaths have occurred in the membership, being 132 more than in the year ending with May, 1876. The number of suspensions is 180, somewhat larger than that of the former year. Summing up the whole, we find a total membership of 78,721, as compared with 74,600, recorded as the total in the tables of last year, leaving an apparent net increase of 4,121 members for the year just closed. If the figures in the tables of the several Synods are correctly given, the increase of our membership for the last year is 150 larger than for the one preceding it, and that a year unusually marked by special religious interest throughout the Church. In the sight of this comparison, it is easy to understand why the last year should be regarded as one of real spiritual prosperity, and why so many of the churches speak as they do of the Lord's favor, as crowning the work of their hands.

The number of families in the whole Church, according to the reports last printed, is 43,380, which, as compared with the number reported last year, viz : 42,338, shows an apparent increase of 1,042 families. Your Committee would be glad to believe this to be the real increase for the year, especially as last year's Synodical Report indicated a decrease of 9 families for that year, as compared with the total number for the year preceding. We are constrained to believe that errors have somewhere crept into the figures of statistics submitted by the Classes or Synods, or both, and we are strengthened in this conviction by the fact that we have detected, in the case of two of the Classes, errors in adding up the figures in the column giving the number of families, varying the result as there summed up about 100 families from the true result. Other investigations might have disclosed other inaccuracies. And attention is called to this subject with the view of reiterating and emphasizing the caution conveyed in other reports of this kind, to all whose special duty it is to prepare, arrange, and publish the statistical tables, to spare no pains to secure for these tables the greatest possible accuracy, in order that the important information they are designed to convey to the whole Church may not be liable to suspicion of error, but may be appealed to as entirely trustworthy. In this connection, your Committee would notice that in the General Summary of one of the Particular Synods, the three columns devoted respectively to Dismissions, Suspensions, and Deaths, are entirely omitted, thus imposing on the Committee the labor which proper supervisory care would have obviated, of exploring the records of all the Classes belonging to the Synod, for the needed information which these columns supply.

The training of the children of the Church, your Committee are pleased to observe, continues to receive, by the mass of our congregations, the earnest attention which the importance of the work deserves, and the results of the last year's work in this direction are highly encouraging. From the reports reaching us, it is evident that the Sabbath-school and the Catechetical class hold a high place in the heart of the Church, and that growing interest is felt by the membership in retaining these nurseries of piety in a healthful and vigorous condition. The influence of this Christian nurture upon the growth,

strength and aggressive power of the Church, is more and more appreciated, as it is felt more and more that no efforts put forth, or sacrifices made in this behalf, are so sure of positive and large returns, in the form of educated minds, sanctified by the Spirit, brought into the Church, and devoting their best energies to the cause of the Master. While the number of schools remains what it was on the former year, the number of scholars in all the schools, is 77,310, which is an increase during the year, of 4,069. The number of catechumens, moreover, shows an increase of 411, this year, the whole number being 23,511. This increase, though smaller than it should be and may be, is yet a happy augury of the good things in store for the Church, that cherishes her children properly, and fulfils her vows to train them up for God.

The year past has been one of severe financial depression. From nearly every part of the Church, the cry of suffering from this cause is heard. From the remote Missionary Classis beyond the seas this cry comes, intensified by the superadded burden caused by gaunt famine, and grim pestilence, among the suffering communities of that stricken land. We may say, in passing, that the brethren of the Arcot Classis have, amid all discouragements, carried forward their work manfully, and with a good measure of success; and while they rejoice in the special favor which has revived so many of our churches here during the last two years, earnestly invoke the prayers of all our people, that like refreshing rains of grace may fall upon the churches of India, that they too may rejoice in the ingathering of large numbers into their communion. The heart of the Church will, no doubt, gladly respond to this appeal.

To return to the care of the churches just around us, many of them speak of the difficulty experienced in meeting their current expenses, and in carrying forward operations connected with the regular administration of the ordinances of religion. The effects of the depression in business seem to be felt more severely now than in the past few years, while the prospect of speedy alleviation is not cheering. But the tone of the churches, notwithstanding all, is rather hopeful than desponding, and it is pleasant to find them, for the most part, when referring to the wide-spread financial distress, speak cheerfully of the goodness of the Lord as calling for special gratitude, of

their faith in the Master's presence and promise, as nerving them to struggle bravely against environing difficulties, and in not a few cases, enabling them by dint of self-denial and sacrifice, to maintain the scale of liberality of more prosperous days, and even in some instances to exceed it. This is an animating feature of the situation. It shows the real life of heart-religion, by showing, that discipline like this, instead of dampening the ardor of the Church, and prostrating her courage, really developes her Christian graces, bringing out into the full light the strength of her love, and the reality of her consecration to Christ. Thus trial is the "schoolmaster" of the Church, to teach her to apprehend more clearly, as well her privileges and duties, as her dependence, and to cling less to human support, than to the arm that moves the world. In fact, the rock of the Church is not the rock of the world, "our enemies, themselves, being judges." When worldly plans and policies collapse, and those who trusted to them, sink down into despair, the foundations of those who fear and serve the Lord are not destroyed, and cannot be. Hope is buoyant amid disaster and distress, and the pledged succor to those who wait, and toil, and trust, and pray, is sure to come in good time; because God is true. It is the influence of such consecrations that accounts for the brave and hopeful spirit of the churches, under the financial troubles of the times.

It is still true, that the effects of this depression have been, and are keenly felt through all departments of Christian enterprise and activity. This appears in the amount of church contributions the past year. That for Religious and Benevolent purposes, is \$201,398.95, as compared with \$210,035.88, the preceding year, being a decrease of \$8,636.93, which, however, under the circumstances, is really a small diminution. While in the matter of moneys given toward Congregational purposes, the total sum is \$809,048.22, as against \$872,804.28, of the former year, being \$63,756.06, less than the amount contributed in 1876, for these objects. In view of these facts, there is an urgent call upon the Church, to nerve herself, in reliance upon the Master's promised aid, to meet courageously another year of sacrifice in devotion to duty; and in order that the cause she loves, may suffer no harm from still declining contributions the following year, she may well refresh her

strength by bringing up before her, the example of those churches of Macedonia, in whose honor the Apostle records, "How that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy, and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality," leading them to give, up to their power and beyond their power, in grateful response to the claims which the Lord's work had upon their sympathies and love.

Death has thinned the ranks of our ministry, the past year, as in former ones, removing from present toils to the rest beyond, men of God whose praise for fidelity and usefulness is in all the churches. The brethren who have gone on before us are Luther H. Van Doren, of the Classis of Monmouth; William Cornell and Horace Doolittle, of the Classis of Raritan; William A. Cornell, of the Classis of Poughkeepsie; John W. Hammond, of the Classis of Greene; Abraham D. Wilson, of the Classis of Illinois; Albertus C. Van Raalte, of the Classis of Holland; Cornelius Van Der Meulen, of the Classis of Grand River; Koonrad Van Der Scheur and Chas. W. Wilson, of the Classis of Wisconsin; Henry R. Dickson, of the South Classis of Long Island, and Joseph Scudder, of the Classis of Hudson. Several of these brethren, beloved, have fallen in middle life, when many more years of useful labor in the vineyard might well have been hoped and looked for by us. It is well as it is, for the Father's wisdom cannot err as to the proper time to call his children home. Others of the number, having "served their generation faithfully by the will of God," fell asleep just as the twilight of their life's day was blending with the night. Four of these venerable men were among the pioneers of our Church, and of Christian civilization, as well in the broad region of the west, where the harvest was waiting for the reapers. They devoted their best energies to the work of western evangelization, making "the wilderness and solitary place glad" by their presence, and by the "good tidings of great joy," which they proclaimed. All these died in faith of that Word they had loved to preach, leaving the record of devoted and beneficent lives, as a voice and example to those who follow them.

Finally—In the general peace and harmony which have pervaded our churches—in the firm adherence to the doctrines of the Cross, which the fathers have guarded, and the children now

guard and hope ever to cherish, in the results of steadfast maintenance of the ordinances of religion, in the spirit with which the Church, in spite of obstacles and trials, has striven to rise up and meet the demands of each emergency, and achieve higher results for the Master's glory in the coming years, in the faith which, leaning on His arm, resolves to go forward, and to do more earnestly and fully in the future for Christ's cause, whatever the hand finds to do—there is cause, your Committee feel, for profound thankfulness to the Lord, for the favor bestowed upon our Church during the past year; and under the influence of this feeling, they recommend to the Synod the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod express and record their heartfelt gratitude to the Head of the Church, for the large favor vouchsafed the past year to the churches here represented, earnestly imploring His gracious guidance and aid to give for the coming year to all our counsels, aims, and services, the stamp of a higher consecration.

Respectfully submitted,

C. VAN SANTVOORD, *Chairman*.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Number of Families	On Confession		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Uncongregational Purposes
			Rec'd	On Certificate												
First Albany.....	R. W. Clark.....	285	75	23	6	2	700	17	24	1	500	\$6,711	\$8,489	95 Albany, N. Y.		
Second Albany.....	D. K. Bartlett.....	107	55	8	3	4	351	4	9	1	348	3,096	7,213	Albany,		
Third Albany.....	J. B. Campbell.....	108	71	12	3	4	175	24	19	1	350	445	2,817	17 Albany,		
Fourth Albany.....	J. F. Noel.....	70	10	2	2	1	150	14	15	1	125	38	1,134	62 Albany,		
Holland Albany.....	.....	77	3	2	2	2	93	12	52	1	92	164	680	Albany,	
Second Ferrie.....	W. H. Ballagh.....	70	2	1	1	2	123	3	.....	1	70	17	575	Knox,	
First Bethlehem.....	W. J. Skidman.....	150	2	5	1	2	247	3	.....	5	339	213	1,913	03 Albany,	
Second Bethlehem.....	J. L. Pearse, (s. c.).....	90	6	3	4	2	180	5	1	1	120	139	1,275	Adams Station,		
Clarksville.....	N. Pearse.....	40	4	2	1	1	80	2	.....	1	145	450	1,548	New Salem,	
Coeymans.....	J. A. H. Cornell.....	105	17	2	2	2	156	9	2	1	94	256	975	Coeymans,		
Jerusalem.....	E. Vedder.....	86	2	2	1	1	161	5	.....	2	75	32	665	69 Jerusalem,	
Knox.....	W. H. Ballagh.....	29	2	2	4	4	51	.....	.....	1	50	28	.....	Knox,
New Baltimore.....	J. L. Zabriskie.....	75	1	6	3	4	187	7	48	1	146	222	1,808	26 New Baltimore,		
New Salem.....	N. Pearse.....	85	5	6	6	3	209	9	1	1	130	36	1,806	New Salem,		
Onisquetaw.....	E. Vedder.....	50	2	3	3	1	76	.....	.....	1	40	12	377	Jerusalem,
Union.....	J. M. Compton.....	45	4	2	2	46	13	8	.....	1	66	14	638	Union, Ch.,	
Westerlo.....	W. D. Buckelew.....	50	2	2	2	106	.....	.....	.....	1	70	24	825	Westerlo,
Total.....	Total.....	1522	255	76	54	2	3088	127	59	22	2772	\$11,471	\$33,281	72	14	

Other Ministers.—S. Van Santvoord, New Baltimore; A. Dickson, Lansingburgh; H. Slauson, Whitehall; J. P. Popper, Brooklyn; J. H. Pletcher.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
		On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died		Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens		Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Arcot and 4 out stations...	Rev. Zachariah John	51	15	8	5	7	71	8	8	16	4	226	+R. A. P. 13 3 6	R. A. P. 5 4 4	Arcot, Madras Pres'y, India.
Arice " 1	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	23	1	4	2	24	34	3	4	15	4	87	10 4	4 8	Vellore, " "
Allendal	Rev. Andrew Sawyer	17	1	6	2	21	24	4	1	15	8	81	60 4	32 10	" " "
Chittoor	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	45	10	1	1	48	51	13	5	10	8	205	40 8 3	38 10	Chittoor " "
Cocoonoor	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	41	4	1	1	48	48	11	1	10	8	174	21 12	6 8	Vellore " "
Gnanodiam and 1 out stat.	"	26	1	2	1	36	36	9	3	17	5	188	15 11	7 8	" " "
Kandipattur and 1 "	"	22	3	5	1	38	38	4	3	94	17	165	10 12	1 8	" " "
Kattupadi and 3 "	Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, M.A.	35	2	2	1	25	35	3	2	16	16	84	11 2 4	8 13	Tindavanam " "
Kolapakkam	Rev. Andrew Sawyer	32	8	2	1	25	33	11	8	66	4	130	25 2 3	4 13	Chittoor " "
Kottapalli and 4 out stat.	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	12	1	4	3	13	13	5	2	11	1	191	9 10	1 8	Vellore " "
Marutuvambadi	Rev. E. J. Heeren, M.A.	46	10	4	1	32	32	5	1	4	4	86	7 13	2 18	Palamanair " "
Mudnapally and 1 out stat.	Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, M.A.	17	2	5	1	17	17	9	1	55	5	43	81 8 10	5 5	Tindavanam " "
Narasanganur	Rev. E. J. Heeren, M.A.	13	4	1	1	63	63	9	1	24	15	206	19 3 6	4 8	Palamanair " "
Orattur and 2 out stations.	Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, M.A.	44	2	2	1	37	37	6	1	9	9	102	11 10 3	2 18	Tindavanam " "
Sattambadi and 2 out stat.	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	23	4	4	1	31	31	3	1	24	24	93	10 3 6	14 11	Vellore " "
Sekadu and 2 out stations	Rev. J. H. Wyckoff, M.A.	24	1	2	9	1	24	2	3	9	9	96	.....	14 11	Tindavanam " "
Vakkai and 1 out station.	Rev. Zachariah John	18	2	3	5	1	24	3	8	13	13	74	.....	160 4	Arcot " "
Vellambi	Rev. John Scudder, M.D.	19	14	21	2	59	59	8	3	13	.....	152	.....	160 4	Vellore " "
Vellore.	Total	575	59	51	27	19	778	102	25	389	.....	2500	319 12 4	160 4	

Other Ministers. — Rev. J. Chamberlain, M.D. Rev. J. W. Scudder, M.D. E. C. Scudder, M.D., in America. † A Rupee is about 56 cents.

* Dismissed to form the Churches of Kolapakkam and Narasingapur.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
		Number of Families	On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended		Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults		Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
English Neighborhood	Andrew B. Taylor	...	13	8	8	...	9	279	7	5	...	70	\$135	\$750	Ridgefield, N. J.
First Hackensack	Theodore B. Komeyn	104	8	3	1	...	7	150	8	3	...	200	2,425	3,000	Hackensack, "
Schmalenberg	Wm. R. Gordon, (s. o.)	78	9	...	...	...	2	157	15	2	...	170	...	...	Schmalenberg, "
New Durham	William V. V. Mabou...	33	7	...	4	...	2	46	4	...	...	350	...	...	Weehawken, "
First Hoboken	Charles Parker	195	22	5	23	...	2	300	8	9	...	...	2 25	655 40	Hoboken, "
Third Jersey City	J. Howard Suydam	53	7	...	...	...	2	77	12	1	...	314	1,000	6,964 79	Jersey City, "
North Bergen	John Justin	96	4	3	8	...	1	143	8	...	...	218	25	1,037 41	Weehawken, "
Second Hackensack	Cyrus B. Durand	250	57	2	1	...	5	354	757	4	...	112	352 40	3,500	Hackensack, "
German, Hoboken	Leopold Mohr	59	16	...	...	...	2	107	31	2	...	604	225	2,500	Hoboken, "
German, Hackensack	Herman Ritke	80	4	8	...	...	2	73	9	3	...	79	15	755	Hackensack, "
Closter City	Peter V. Van Buskirk	75	16	1	...	...	2	41	5	2	...	200	58 20	1,200	Closter City, "
Palsades	Henry Mattie	50	7	5	4	...	1	43	...	...	...	170	62 57	874 36	Fort Lee, "
Guttenberg	Vacant	100	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	130	20	673 72	Guttenberg, "
Central Ave., J. C. Heights	Vacant	70	15	11	...	...	...	48	2	7	...	90	22 64	6,024 33	Fort Lee, "
Fort Lee	Charles W. Wood, S. S.	1239	190	41	45	11	46	1951	185	40	...	2706	\$4,318 96	\$28,362 24	Cherry Hill, "
Cherry Hill	Total.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Other Ministers.—A. H. Warner, Chaplain, Hackensack N. J. C. Wiley, G. L. Wolfe, Janes H. Ballagh, Kanagawa, Japan.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bergen.....	{ Benj. C. Taylor, P. E. }	186	8	21	12	6	7	1	392	2	875	\$2,125 18	\$4,513 14	613 Bergen Av., J. C., N. J.
First Jersey City.....	{ Cornelius Brett, . }	100	8	3	21	5	4	1	70	1	105	.....	4,235 50	509
First Bayonne.....	Wm. Westerfield, S. S.	80	7	12	3	1	10	2	82	1	165	208	8,472	Bayonne,
First Van Vorst.....	Paul D. Van Cleef	140	13	4	13	4	19	2	150	2	337	1,694 54	5,089 50	Jersey City,
Bergen Point.....	Henry W. F. Jones	112	5	11	.....	157	11	.....	130	1	160	750	4,250	Bergen Point,
Second Hudson City.....	Charles Doepenschmidt.	68	5	.....	.....	2	18	6	28	1	385	178 84	1,094 64	Hudson City
Lafayette.....	Wm. R. Duryee, (s. c.).	95	10	8	2	2	10	1	12	1	225	944 50	4,107	151 Pacific Av., Jersey City,
West End.....	Vacant	17	2	.....	18	1	7	1	.....	1	100	.....	180	Greenville,
Greenville.....	Alex. H. Young	52	8	6	1	1	81	4	88	1	151	20	2,109	480 Henderson St., J. City,
Free Jersey City.....	Andrew J. Park	90	16	4	7	1	20	2	130	1	220	94 93	1,239	480 Henderson St., J. City,
Third Bayonne.....	Wm. L. Elterich	86	12	.....	.....	1	13	.....	7	1	50	.....	1,013 02	Bergen Point,
Fourth Bergen.....	Isaac P. Brokaw.	44	7	6	1	74	4	1	100	1	141	247	2,585	29 Lex. Ave., Jersey City,
Total	Total	1020	101	75	77	3 23	117	18	1099	14	2414	\$6,265 49	\$35,137 80	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Jas. L. Amerman, Yokohama, Japan. Rev. Wm. H. Van Doren, Jersey City, N. J.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Canastota †	Vacant.....	38	17	6	1	...	...	54	2	12	100	1	50	...	...	Canastota, N. Y.
Chittenango	J. H. Enders, (s. c.)...	58	17	1	1	...	...	109	40	...	...	1	125	\$250	\$1,300	Chittenango, " "
Cicero †	Vacant.....	70	1	1	1	...	...	40	...	...	...	1	120	...	...	" "
Lysander †	Vacant.....	25	...	...	...	...	...	2	65	4	15	1	75	13 62	1,000	Lysander, " "
Naumburg	H. W. Warnhuis, S. S.	26	...	...	...	...	...	2	42	8	...	1	30	...	231	Naumburg, " "
New Bremen	H. W. Warnhuis, S. S.	150	...	...	...	...	...	6	42	...	140	2	16	...	128	Naumburg, " "
Owasco †	Alfred E. Myers, S. S.	42	4	5	1	...	...	2	188	...	...	1	200	125	1,805	Owasco, " "
Owasco Outlet	G. A. McKinley, S. S.	143	2	2	4	...	...	1	75	1	...	1	50	36 62	680 49	Auburn, " "
Syracuse †	Evert Van Slyke.....	40	1	2	1	...	...	54	...	...	...	1	500	365 87	8,394 68	Syracuse, " "
Thousand Isles	George Rockwell.*	146	6	...	2	...	...	5	225	2	...	1	170	65	600	Alexandria Bay, " "
Utica	Isaac S. Hartley.....	33	8	1	1	...	...	2	68	6	20	...	153	12,879 76	6,484 65	Utica, " "
West Leyden	Jacob Weber.....	847	39	17	12	...	...	20	1269	18	275	12	150	10 80	340	West Leyden, " "
	Total.....												1639	\$13,746 17	\$15,868 82	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Wm. A. Wurts, Canastota. N. Y. ; Rev. S. E. Brown, and Rev. G. F. Verbeck, Nagasaki, Japan.

† Last year's report.

* Missionary.

CLASSIS OF GRAND RIVER.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAPT.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES
		Census Number of Families	On Confession Rec'd	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Detroit	M. Kickintveld	24	4	1	4		4	38	4				\$2	\$426	149 Maple St., Detroit, Mich.
Fremont Centre	Vacant	33	7	19	1	1	43	3		26	1	36		72	99 Fremont Centre,
First Grand Haven	E. C. Oggel	24	8	4	5	3	20	240	46	215	1	265	302	2,148	43 Grand Haven,
Second Grand Haven	E. Van Der Hart	60	13	6	4				12	100	1	160	240	1,450	Grand Haven,
Third Grand Rapids	N. H. Desker	370	76	17	64	5	636	81	383	280	1	350	1,499	4,483	92 Grand Rapids,
Fourth Grand Rapids	A. Krickard	126	48	42	6	7	190	33	2	210	1	192	305	2,545	Grand Rapids,
Grandville	L. J. Huist	126	48	4	8	4	199	42	150	150	1	190	143	1,387	Grand Rapids,
Kalamazoo	W. P. De Jonge	60	2	2	4	4	18	1	50	50	1	50	148	380	Grandville,
Montague	J. W. Te Winkel	143	13	4	4	2	4	291	27	280	1	200	588	2,268	76 Kalamazoo,
Muskegon	Vacant														
Pullman	Jac. Van Der Meulen	218	138	1	5	1		852	58	4	250	1	250		Muskegon.
South Haven	D. Brock	65		2		2	75	39	19	80	1	100	100	670	Eastmanville, Ottawa Co.,
Spring Lake	Vacant	21					30	3						150	South Haven,
Twin Lakes	James De Pree	85	20	1	7		103	28		100	1	125	145	685	Spring Lake,
	Vacant	23		4	2		27	7		40	1	40			Twin Lakes, Kul'zoo P.O.,
Total		1601	431	145	114	11	87	3392	379	7	1731	12	1958	\$3,475 05	\$17,816 84

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Arcadia.....	Vacant.....	80	17	6	4	2	1	60	12	4	23	1	55	\$21 96	\$175 92	East Newark, Wayne Co, N. Y.
Buffalo.....	Henry K. Boer.....	61	3	3	4	2	57	37	2	2	35	1	75	25	400	Buffalo.
Cato.....	Ramsford Wells.....															Cato, Cayuga Co.
Caroline.....	Vacant.....															Slaterville, Tompkins Co.
Clymer.....	G. J. Ranskers.....	68	44	38	2	177	29	1	60	1	60	1	70	74 50	576 60	Clymer, Chautauque
Clymer Village.....	J. W. Warnchults.....	60	40	42	1	114	17	8	33	1	21	1	25	32 80	700 81	"
Dunkirk.....	Henry K. Boer.....	15	3	32	1	32	1	1	21	1	21	1	80	23 04	205 57	"
East Williamson.....	A. B. Veenhuizen†.....	102	18	15	2	218	1	80	1	1	1	1	56	180	700	Dunkirk,
Fair Haven.....	J. L. Southard.....	53	3	3	1	8	184	5	11	40	40	2	166	64 98	757 80	Williamson, Wayne
Farmar Village.....	Philip Furbeck.....	110	22	1	2	8	2	211	2	1	80	1	250	98 48	1,868	Fair Haven, Cayuga
Geneva.....	W. W. Brush.....	100	14	1	2	8	2	211	2	1	80	1	250	275 79	2,183 99	Farmar Village, Seneca
Lodi.....	H. P. McAdam.....	140	8	3	8	4	3	326	36	1	50	1	150	235 82	2,068 67	Geneva, Ontario
Marion.....	Vacant†.....	165	7	22	4	1	9	4	41	1	10	1	45	122 15	1,140 80	Lodi, Seneca
Mina Cornels.....	John Boelcher.....	21	1	1	1	9	4	126	10	1	10	1	45	34 68	984 68	Marion, Wayne
Putneyville.....	P. G. M. Bahler.....	80	2	1	4	9	2	5	297	10	181	1	80	109 14	725 66	Mina, Chautauque
Rochester.....	P. De Bruyn.....	201	12	4	9	2	5	297	27	1	20	1	170	759 75	2,975 62	Putneyville, Wayne
Tyre.....	J. H. Van Doren.....	40	10	1	5	51	1	51	1	5	20	1	70	68	650	Rochester.
Total.....		1246	199	94	72	14	27	2159	142	81	603	16	1500	\$2,125 29	\$15,803 57	Magoe's Corner, Seneca

Other Ministers.—Rev. John Whitbeck, (s. o.), Ithaca, Tompkins Co., N. Y.; Rev. A. M. Mann, Farmar Village, Seneca County, N. Y.; Rev. P. B. Bahler, Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. L. J. Jongeneel, Clymer, Chautauque Co., N. Y.

† Last year's Report.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sub- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
First Athens	Alan D. Campbell	69	8	8	1	1	151	1	1	1	1	120	\$295 71	\$1,112 52	Athens, N. Y.	
Second Athens	B. Van Zandt, S. S.	25	1	1	1	1	23	1	1	1	1	120	194	140	Leeds,	
Catskill	John B. Thompson	175*	9	9	1	1	385	10	2	162	2	200	326	326	Catskill,	
First Cossackie	Maurice G. Hansen	90	42	6	2	2	200	2	28	30	1	100	200	1,550	Cossackie,	
Second Cossackie	Anson F. Munn	90	84	5	8	5	238	18	46	46	1	175	391	1,994 54	Cossackie,	
Kiskatom	J. O. Van Fleet	90	6	4	1	4	212	2	2	1	1	65	65 07	738 62	Catskill,	
Leeds	B. Van Zandt, (s. c.)	60	6	4	1	1	131	1	1	1	1	115	115 21	832	Leeds,	
Moresville and Gilboa	Edward Cornet, S. S.	55	8	1	1	1	34	8	2	1	1	40	87 31	135	Gilboa,	
Pratts ville	James C. Garretson	69	8	2	1	1	79	8	2	1	1	58	87 31	887 20	Pratts ville,	
Roxbury	B. C. Miller, Jr.	68	27	1	1	1	86	19	19	1	1	25	52 77	800	Roxbury,	
Total	Total	791	188	20	81	2	81	1594	86	108	192	2	\$1,351 94	\$11,441 18		

Other Ministers.—Rev. M. Lusk, Cossackie, N. Y.

* Corrected list.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.—P. N. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
		Census Number of Families	On Confession					Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools		Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
			Rec'd	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended											Died
Beauregard	John Broek.	75	34	12	4	2	13	110	1	120	\$200	\$550	Zeeland, Ottawa Co., Mich.			
Cleveland	Vacant	80	5	1	2	8	13	13	1	60	111 94	1,397 98	Cleveland, Ohio.			
Drenthe	C. Van Der Veen	30	2	...	...	...	4	80	1	80	60	1,600	Vriesland, Ottawa Co., Mich.
East Overysel	Vacant	20	2	...	...	...	8	22	...	...	30	125	Overysel, Allegan "
Ebenezer	A. C. Kuyper.	62	18	1	1	2	16	60	1	60	188 04	1,007 60	Holland, Ottawa "			
Fynaat	James F. Zwemer.	53	19	8	6	2	16	81	1	96	109 45	889	Holland, Ottawa "			
Graafschap	A. Zwemer	73	29	7	5	1	19	90	2	100	88 84	730	Graafschap, Allegan Co., "			
Holland First	R. Pieters	143	40	18	12	4	33	140	1	235	1,291 69	1,684 94	Holland, Ottawa "			
Holland Third	H. Uitterwyk.	157	48	9	6	2	85	140	1	262	521 75	1,625 28	" "			
Jamestown	John Van der Meulen.	60	8	5	5	1	11	65	1	75	154 22	318 85	Forest Grove, Ottawa Co., "			
North Holland	B. Van Ess	120	29	5	...	...	27	157	...	...	221 43	1,165 26	North Holland, " "
Overysel	G. J. Nykerk	188	68	10	5	...	47	312	1	320	650	1,250	Overysel, Allegan " "			
Rotterdam	Vacant	38	...	...	...	...	34	...	...	...	...	...	" "
Saugatuck	H. E. Nies	30	17	5	...	...	15	50	1	75	80 50	250 75	Saugatuck, " "	
Vriesland	Peter De Pree	98	15	11	19	...	17	150	1	156	442 46	1,584 80	Vriesland, Ottawa " "			
Zabriskie	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hamilton, Allegan " "
Zeeland	Wm. Moerdyk, (s o.).	241	74	10	15	1	44	895	1	970	1,382 88	1,519 71	Zeeland, Ottawa "			
Total		1473	806	99	82	7	318	2 1865	15	2003	\$5,533 15	\$15,358 62				

Other Ministers.—Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., President of Hope College, Holland, Ottawa County, Mich.; Rev. T. R. Beck, Professor at Hope College, Holland, Ottawa Co., Mich.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cat- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
Hudson	John McC. Holmes, (s. c.)	200	25	13	8	3	6	415	6	7	209	1	300	\$2,364 92	\$5,297	Hudson, N. Y.
First Claverack	John W. Schenck	122	2	1	13	2	5	222	5	2	4	200	286 57	1,992 08	Claverack, "	
Second Claverack	Arad J. Sebring	200	2	2	2	2	2	194	7	7	2	200	354 72	1,450 77	Mellenville, "	
Linthgow	Thomas S. Dushinberre.	94	1	2	5	2	6	185	3	8	1	65	300	1,014 92	Livingston, "	
Greenport	John S. Hinrod	98	10	8	8	6	258	6	5	5	2	160	400	1,400	Hudson "	
Germanatown	James Wyckoff	105	7	3	1	5	185	10	8	15	1	100	114 49	1,116 87	Germanatown, "	
Upper Red Hook	Vacant	80	7	3	1	2	151	133	6	5	3	38	188 74	1,292 30	Upper Red Hook, "	
Taghkanic	John B. Church	73	7	1	1	2	139	1	6	5	1	90	210 74	2,438 30	West Copake, "	
Gallatin	De Witt B. Wyckoff	76	13	1	4	2	40	2	2	1	1	20	6 25	432 65	Mt. Ross, "	
Livingston Ch. of Linlithgo	Abram H. Myers	50	2	54	28	215	17	1393	\$4,226 43	\$16,434 89	Linlithgow, "
Total		1098	76	23	32	...	32	1872	54	28	215	17	1393	\$4,226 43	\$16,434 89	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. H. Bevier, Hudson; Rev. W. D. Perry, Hudson; Rev. P. Van Wyck, Hudson.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.—P. S. C.

JUNE, 1877.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
			On Confession		Dismissed	Suspended	Died		Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools		Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
			On Confession	On Certificate													
Fair View.....	John S. Jorammon, (6. C.).	116	8	3	5	...	2	105	6	2	80	3	190	\$367	\$1,463	Fair View, Fulton Co., Ill.	
First Pekin.....	Ed. P. Livingston, S. S.	60	5	5	11	4	1	80	1	4	...	1	150	30	1,183	Pekin, Tazewell Co., "	
Spring Lake.....	William B. Gilmore.	73	2	18	4	...	2	57	7	...	...	3	175	80	785	Manito, "
Raritan.....	R. L. Adams, S. S.	60	80	2	18	...	2	127	4	...	...	1	105	32	...	Raritan, Henderson Co., "
Bushnell.....	Geo. D. W. Bodine.	57	4	2	4	...	2	113	5	2	...	1	95	207	92	Bushnell, McDonough Co., "	
First Pella.....	Ezbert Winter, S. S.	208	8	3	6	1	2	297	47	10	170	1	200	630	27	5,785	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Havana.....	George Seibert, S. S.	35	13	6	4	...	36	85	4	1	20	1	100	20	300	Havana, Ma on Co., Ill.	
Second Pella.....	H. K. Schermerhorn.	50	8	4	1	2	...	85	15	1	26	2	400	179	10	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.	
Bethel.....	A. Wormser	37	7	2	4	...	1	48	15	1	117	3	300	75	500	" "	
Leyden Centre.....	H. H. Johnson, S. S.	15	3	...	...	...	27	27	2	...	150	1	50	29	50	Mont Clare, Cook Co., Ill.
Third Pella.....	Francis Rederus	150	...	...	...	...	158	110	13	...	...	1	120	...	200	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
*Fourth Pella.....	H. Stobbeaar.	47	...	...	...	...	110	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Chicago, Ill.
*Am. Ref., Chicago.....	Vacant	63	...	...	...	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ottley, Iowa.
Orange City.....	Vacant	10	...	...	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Orange City, Sioux Co., Iowa
Norris.....	Seine Boks.....	230	3	7	23	...	1	340	68	6	350	1	200	30	...	Norris, Fulton Co., Ill.	
Norwood Park.....	S. A. Bumstead, S. S.	20	6	2	...	...	20	1	2	...	...	1	30	67	604	Norwood Park, Cook Co., Ill.
*Somerset.....	Albert V. Gultek	27	24	11	2	...	1	72	1	3	50	1	35	...	...	Somerset, Miami Co., Kan
Irving Park.....	Vacant	20	...	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	1	100	361	46	Irving Park, Cook Co., Ill
Parkersburg.....	Abram G. Lansing, S. S.	67	45	2	13	...	1	75	8	28	20	1	50	20	1,230	Parkersburg, Iowa.	
Second Pekin.....	J. B. De Beer	88	19	2	1	...	130	13	...	...	25	1	90	14	75	Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill.
	Paul F. Shulke	50	14	...	...	...	5	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		1485	194	67	94	4	19	2182	203	62	988	27	2527	\$2,204	65	\$15,943	11

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. F. Morris, Bushnell, Ill.; Rev. C. D. Elting, Raritan, Ill.; Rev. A. Thompson, Readington, New Jersey; Rev. H. E. Decker, Spar-kill, New York.

* Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Bloomingtondale	M. F. Liebenau, S. S.	75	40	8	...	...	142	4	20	...	1	86	\$7 70	\$543	Creek Locks, Ulster Co., N. Y.
The Clove	Wm. H. Vroom.	162	24	1	5	...	5 211	25	1	75	3	380	315 42	2,074	High Falls, "
Dashville Falls	W. N. Todd	100	46	4	4	...	*165	4	23	...	1	143	35 08	709 41	Rifton Glen, "
Gulford	C. E. Lasher	100	7	1	1	...	99	6	...	85	4	175	49 01	1,375 50	Gardiner, "
Hurley	J. F. Harris	64	2	...	...	...	114	2	...	60	2	120	144 76	831 22	Hurley, "
Kingston, Second Church.	James Demarest, Jr.	150	11	13	14	...	4 352	10	7	40	1	295	571 65	3,660 55	Kingston, "
Krumville	Paul T. Deyo.	53	19	3	2	...	73	12	...	30	1	100	5 50	380	Samsonville, "
Lyonsville	Paul T. Deyo	65	72	66	+	...	138	8	24	30	1	30	...	100	Kippleshush, "
Marbletown.	V. M. Hulbert	106	8	4	61	...	1 229	13	2	50	1	80	73 86	1,025	Stone Ridge, "
Marbletown, No. Church	V. M. Hulbert, S. S.	60	8	...	...	...	1 116	3	1	50	1	70	39 58	658 95	Stone Ridge, "
New Paltz	Philip Pelz, (s. o.)	256	17	1	8	...	7 412	14	9	220	6	204	733 45	3,017	New Paltz, "
Rochester.	Vacant	100	4	...	...	...	2 127	10	7	45	5	303	56 14	694 56	Accord, "
Rosendale.	Vacant.	60	18	2	...	...	5 112	1	7	...	1	80	42 86	675	Rosendale, "
St. Remy	W. N. Todd	28	13	1	2	...	2 76	5	5	25	1	51	7 67	296 43	Rifton Glen, "
Total	Total	1379	284	99	100	5	27 2366	117	104	480	29	2270	\$2,058 18	\$16,045 62	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James R. Lente (Emeritus) Washingtonville, Orange Co. N. Y.

* Revised List.

† To constitute Church of Lyonsville.

† Isaac S. Schenck Pastor Elect.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES				
		Census	Number of Families	On Certificate		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens		Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
				On Confession	On Certificate												
Jamaica	Wm. H. De Hart	135	10	5	2	..	3	246	1	9	1	1	125	\$262 34	\$2,821 62	Jamaica, L. I.	
Newtown	C. I. Shepard	100	18	7	2	2	2	212	1	9	3	3	275	430 91	2,544 17	Newtown, "	
Oyster Bay	Vacant	100	5	3	5	..	1	112	4	1	..	1	111	205 23	1,159 85	"	
North Hempstead	Wm. E. Davis	91	5	3	5	..	2	122	6	..	..	1	70	61	3,825 22	Manhasset, "
Williamsburg	E. S. Porter	4330	..	..	..	..	3	498	12	9	..	..	1000	..	..	Brooklyn, E. D.,
Astoria	M. L. Haines	90	28	5	7	..	3	190	12	9	..	..	240	823 91	2,948 34	Astoria, "
Flushing	O. B. Cobb	108	12	5	5	..	1	207	2	5	75	1	130	312 40	3,750	Flushing, "	
Greenpoint	Lewis Francis	230	17	8	3	..	2	380	7	6	..	1	627	524	16,337 04	143 Noble st., Brooklyn, E. D.,	
South Bushwick	Geo. D. Hulst	100	9	8	2	..	6	183	11	2	..	1	450	216	3,032	15 Hinrod st., " L. I.	
Sec'd Astoria	C. D. F. Steinfuhrer	90	16	..	5	..	1	171	50	..	30	1	125	10	1,100	Astoria, " L. I.	
East Williamsburg	Wm. Ferris	30	2	..	..	..	2	30	2	1	45	1	90	116 42	387	220 South 5th, Brooklyn, E. D.
Second Newtown	John Wensch	25	10	..	4	..	2	63	11	..	16	1	30	46	250	Newtown, L. I.	
Queens	Andrew Hageman	92	21	4	5	..	2	125	11	6	..	2	126	250 31	4,420 56	Queens, "	
Germ. Ev., Brooklyn	J. M. Wagner	230	41	3	3	..	5	410	157	..	250	2	560	187 20	2,112 02	315 Graham av., Brooklyn, E. D.	
Sayville	G. Van Emmerik	52	3	3	4	..	1	70	5	7	11	3	85	19 50	416 29	Sayville, L. I.	
Loonst Valley	H. H. Craig	52	12	7	4	..	2	62	16	..	8	1	100	63	971 53	Glen Cove, "	
College Point	E. S. Fairchild	35	7	1	..	..	2	37	5	..	..	1	200	300	4,000	College Point, "
St. John's, Laurel Hill	Vacant	26	9	7	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	1	70	56 35	350	"
First Ref. L. I. City	Vacant	27	8	7	2	..	..	5	1	3	..	1	130	7 01	297 95	"
Jericho	H. Devries	22	3	7	6	..	5	140	8	7	..	1	30	354 12	354 12	Jericho, "	
Bushwick	H. A. Howell	98	20	9	6	..	1	..	12	..	15	1	360	64 58	4,628 69	12 Orient Av., Brooklyn, E. D.	
German Ev., Jamaica	J. Hones	35	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	30	..	..	Jamaica, "
Total		2112	248	67	69	5	36	3832	938	56	576	26	4914	\$3,991 16	\$55,766 40		

Other Ministers.—E. R. Atwater, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. C. S. Williamson, San Francisco, Cal. Jefferson Wynkoop, Cuba, N. Y. J. B. Alliger, N. Y. City. W. H. Ten Eyck, (s. o.), New Brunswick, N. J. Minor Swick, East Norwich, L. I. O. R. Garretson, 147 Remsen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.

† From last year's Report.

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SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census		On Confession		On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes		
		Number of Families		On Confession															
Brooklyn	Vacant	131	29	11	19	..	..	..	10	453	14	9	2	396	\$9,775 70	\$5,965 56	Brooklyn, L. I.
Flatbush	C. L. Wells	140	12	8	..	..	..	4	222	9	1	200	1	825	6,055 41	8,000	Flatbush, "
Flatbush Mission	C. S. Wright, S. S.	60	1	..	..	..	..	..	31	1	1	..	..	80	..	..	"
New Utrecht	D. S. Sutphen, (S. C.)	98	44	8	1	..	..	4	245	8	4	100	8	330	1,000	3,366	New Utrecht, "
Gravesend	A. P. Stockwell	120	11	1	4	..	..	2	198	11	..	100	2	200	354 56	2,572 51	Gravesend, "
Flatlands	Anson Dubois	80	5	1	3	..	..	1	165	10	2	80	2	200	642 21	2,500	Flatlands, "
New Lots	Vacant	98	7	2	2	..	..	2	151	4	..	..	1	90	160	2,270	East New York, "
East New York	Wm. J. Hill	65	8	7	2	..	..	3	124	4	..	300	1	395	419 06	2,269	"
South Brooklyn	Henry V. S. Myers	53	7	1	2	..	..	1	53	11	2	..	1	175	476 64	2,035 92	Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn	Edward P. Ingersoll	224	22	23	32	..	..	6	547	21	9	200	1	422	1,352 10	6,044 36	"
Twelfth st., Brooklyn	U. D. Gulick	180	80	23	15	..	..	8	448	39	21	9	2	320	..	..	"
North Brooklyn	Alex. R. Thompson	83	15	11	16	..	..	2	202	14	3	100	2	500	48,147 82	12,000 11	"
Ch on the Heights, Br'kn	David Inglis	130	19	12	19	..	..	9	395	4	2	30	1	150	65 00	1,277 60	"
New Brooklyn	Charles F. C. Suckow	80	4	..	..	..	..	3	181	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	"
East Brooklyn	Peter E. Kipp †	49	..	..	..	..	..	..	91	4	..	..	..	75	..	..	"
Bedford, Brooklyn	H. A. Freidel	50	2	..	..	..	..	..	84	9	..	..	1	50	31	1,178	Flatbush, "
Second Flatbush	C. Diekhaut	27	5	..	..	..	..	..	69	16	..	16	1	95	..	310	East New York, "
Canarsie																	"		
Total	Total	1668	266	108	104	..	..	50	3659	235	54	1126	23	4592	\$29,491 15	\$57,483 54	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. M. Ferris, Secretary Board of Foreign Missions. Rev. Jacob West, Secretary Board of Domestic Missions. Rev. John A. Lansing, Rev. Daniel Kapajle, Missionary to China. Rev. Alexander Shaw. Rev. J. M. Van Buren. Rev. J. H. Manning. Rev. E. G. Strong. Rev. N. P. Pierce, Rev. A. N. Wyckoff, Church of Brooklyn. Rev. Jacob Whitehurst, Bethany Chapel.

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+ Exclusive of legacies of Miss Duryee to the amount of \$25,000

+ Pastor Elect.

CLASSES OF MICHIGAN.—P. S. C.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES
			On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Battle Creek	A. H. Van Vranken..	7	24	6	1	1	8	176	6	5	1	1	75	.....	\$110	Battle Creek, Mich.
Centreville	J. W. Beardlee, (s. o.) ..	112	14	5	1	2	150	7	7	1	2	2	180	\$310 12	1,205 75	Centreville, "
Constantine	Peter Moordyk	80	19	9	13	2	100	8	1	1	40	1	200	56 50	6,584 81	Constantine, "
Grand Rapids	Abel T. Stewart	50	19	6	17	3	89	19	4	32	2	2	125	63	1,451	Grand Rapids, "
Hope	John A. De Spelder	56	4	5	1	1	60	2	2	1	1	1	220	168 95	581 74	Holland, "
Macon	N. Dubois Williamson	45	6	1	2	58	7	1	1	1	2	2	385	72 86	227 55	Macon, "
Porter	John A. De Spelder	36	6	1	2	27	40	20	1	1	1	1	80	13 06	SSI 80	Constantine, Ind.
South Bend	John A. De Spelder	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	13 06	254 25	South Bend, Mac n,
South Macon	John A. De Spelder	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	80	13 06	254 25	Mac n,
Total		420	86	32	32	5	14	669	40	20	72	11	1265	\$722 49	\$11 196 40	

Other Ministers.—Rev. Chas. Scott, Professor in Hope College, Holland, Mich.; Rev. J. G. Tarbell, Emeritus, Alamo, Mich.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
First Freehold....	Theodore W. Wells.....	10	15	6	9	5	5	214	10	6	90	3	150	\$205 30	\$1,558 55	Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N. J.
Second Freehold....	Charles S. Hageman.....	105	13	1	2	5	5	283	5	6	140	1	168	534 03	1,884 50	Freehold, " "
Holmdel.....	William Reiley.....	90	7	2	6	4	4	189	4	2	.....	1	100	827 06	.....	Holmdel, " "
Spotswood.....	Ralph Willis.....	40	2	2	8	2	2	80	6	1	.....	3	90	15	880	Spotswood, Middlesex Co., " "
Middletown.....	Charles D. Buck*.....	41	2	2	2	1	1	64	1	4	25	1	45	22	1,093 68	Middletown, Monmouth Co., " "
Keyport.....	Elias Mead.....	60	9	4	8	2	2	93	5	4	.....	1	80	178	1,116	Keyport, " "
Long Branch.....	James B. Wilson.....	75	10	2	6	.....	211	7	7	4	30	3	200	158 80	2,243 71	Long Branch, " "
Colt's Neck.....	James Bolton, (s. c.).....	65	6	4	6	.....	238	6	6	3	43	2	123	128 53	1,194 89	Colt's Neck, " "
Highlands.....	A. W. Allen.....	22	4	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	.....	4	.....	1	54	.....	.....	Highlands, " "
Asbury Park.....	Frederick F. Wilson.....	30	2	8	.....	1	24	.....	.....	2	.....	1	75	.....	1,100	Asbury Park, " "
Total.....	Total.....	588	70	29	42	20	1368	44	32	383	17	1085	.....	\$1,589 62	\$11,011 28	.....

Other Ministers.—Garret C. Schenck, Marlboro, Monmouth Co., N. J. Samuel Lockwood, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J.

* Pastor elect

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		
			Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes
Auriosville	John Nott, S. S.	48	7	2	1	1	1	32	2	6	6	1	85	.....	\$2,204
Canajoharie	Richard R. Williams	134	14	1	1	1	1	175	2	2	2	1	200	\$100	8,000
Columbia	R. M. Stanbrough, S. S.	*90	1	1	1	1	2	87	1	5	1	1	25	.....	1,009
Currytown	E. G. Ackerman	33	1	2	2	2	55	55	2	1	27	1	50	88 16	535 68
Ephratah	W. B. Van Benschoten	85	6	1	1	1	143	143	32	5	52	3	140	80	728 33
Florida	R. A. Pearse	100	7	3	3	2	132	132	5	5	3	2	120	114 63	1,700
Fonda	Thos. Walker Jones	215	7	3	4	4	378	378	3	3	3	6	400	702 37	3,000
Fort Plain	S. J. Rogers	145	3	3	3	2	167	167	8	2	2	1	214	309 83	2,559 54
Fort Herkimer	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fultonville	Francis M. Kip, Jr.	105	1	7	2	2	136	136	2	2	.....	2	125	391 87	1,800 54
Glen	Joseph P. Dysart	115	6	1	1	1	158	158	4	4	.....	3	300	150	1,898
Hagaman's Mills	A. J. Hagaman, (S. C.)	79	1	1	2	3	95	95	.....	.....	25	2	100	94 93	1,038 50
Henderson	Vacant	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Herkimer	G. D. Cousaul	125	5	1	.....	.....	149	149	5	1	135	1	135	160	1,500
Indian Castle	Vacant	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manheim	Algernon Matthews	37	17	1	1	2	75	75	8	6	.....	1	40	4 50	908
Mapletown	George Sharpley	87	4	1	1	3	89	89	.....	.....	.....	1	85	52 45	.....
Mohawk	Vacant	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	60	.....	.....	.....	1	100	.....	.....
Port Jackson	John Minor	100	7	2	2	1	163	163	1	6	25	1	116	94 11	1,424 17
St. Johnsville	G. J. Van Neste	110	15	1	5	5	109	112	5	5	.....	2	227	303 58	1,821 48
Stone Arabia	W. B. Van Benschoten	63	2	2	1	7	76	76	9	.....	47	2	73	45 26	765 61
Sparker's Basin	Edward G. Ackerman	40	4	1	1	41	41	30	1	52	256
Total	1803	106	29	24	2	33	2375	94	46	841	33	2557	\$2,641 60	\$30,719 05

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Other Ministers.—Abraham Mattice, Fort Plain, N. Y.; Joseph Kuleskern, Cortland, Cortland Co., N. Y.; Gilbert Lane, Readington, Hunterdon Co., N. J.; F. M. Boardus, Mohawk, Herkimer Co., N. Y.

+ Report of last year.

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Rec'd		On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Belleville.....	J. Paschal Strong	125	15	1	1	1	2	205	4	1	200	1	200	\$300	\$2,900	Belleville, Essex Co., N. J.
First Newark	William H. Gleason	206	11	4	11	1	6	*272	13	4	200	2	350	1,356	9,539	Newark, " "
Irvington.....	Henry Vehlage, (s. c.)	155	10	2	4	..	2	*168	..	..	110	1	145	50	2,880	Irvington, " "
Second Newark.....	Francis V. Van Vranken	91	10	5	8	..	3	168	4	..	108	1	200	481	2,600	Newark, " "
Franklin.....	A. Messler Quick	70	5	2	1	..	8	*102	5	..	133	1	193	106	1,318	Franklin, " "
North Newark	Charles E. Hart	245	23	11	10	9	2	463	18	9	350	2	450	5,718	4,730	Newark, " "
West Newark	Frederic Kern	64	10	8	..	..	1	150	27	..	46	2	320	65	1,400	Newark, " "
Clinton Avenue	Wm. J. E. Taylor	160	12	11	14	8	3	307	11	3	140	1	430	916	11,116	Newark, " "
East	Vucant	40	..	..	8	..	1	59	2	..	..	1	100	..	651	Linden, Union Co., N. J.
Linden	Howard H. Van Vranken	49	6	5	4	..	1	57	2	1	45	1	120	20	1,575	Woodside, Newark, " "
Woodside	John M. Macaulay	50	4	..	5	..	..	126	8	3	50	2	150	150	2,154	Brookdale, Essex Co., " "
Stone House Plains.....	John Kershaw	79	..	2	5	..	..	126	..	..	50	2	150	75	970	Brookdale, Essex Co., " "
First Orange	George S. Bishop	180	44	25	4	..	4	265	14	16	165	1	214	663	6,761	East Orange, " "
Total.....		1464	150	70	66	2	28	2462	103	37	1447	17	2882	\$9,902	\$48,096	

Other Ministers—Gustavus Abiel, Newark, N. J. M. B. Riddle, Hartford, Conn. Barnabas V. Collins, Passaic, N. J. Joseph Wilson, Newark, N. J. Oscar Qeener, Linden, N. J. Louis H. Bahler, Belleville, N. J. Edward P. Terhune, Rome, Italy. Cornelius R. Blauvelt, East Orange, N. J.

Candidates—Frederick E. Allen.

* Revised list.

+ Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Census Number of Families	Rec'd			Total now in Communion		Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Be- nevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismitted										
First New Brunswick	Richard H. Steele, (s. o.).	225	113	80	19	12	630	26	27	150	1	400	\$1,832	New Brunswick, N. J.	
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears	135	46	5	1	10	342	7	11	36	6	310	614 \$1	Franklin Park,	
Hillsborough	Edward T. Corwin	150	77	11	10	8	350	10	23	100	7	200	400	Millstone,	
Middlebush	James Le Fevre	108	28	6	8	1	225	8	5	120	1	125	500	"	
Griggstown	Vacant	52	4	3	9	3	160	2	2	60	2	160	167 50	"	
Second New Brunswick	Chester D. Hartman	220	20	17	9	8	413	7	3	194	2	302	1,897	Griggstown,	
Bound Brook	Jacob C. Dutcher	86	3	4	4	176	4	2	100	1	180	100	4,849	New Brunswick,	
Third New Brunswick	Charles Meyer, S. S.	15	3	5	5	40	3	7	4	1	30	62	1,750	Bound Brook,	
East Millstone	Alexander McWilliam	80	46	4	8	1	212	6	7	20	1	110	185	New Brunswick,	
Metuchen	Edward Lord	70	12	10	15	4	161	13	4	.....	2	154	133	East Millstone,
														Metuchen,	
	Total	1141	332	90	88	2	35	2709	86	84	784	24	1901	\$5,391 31	
														\$19,948	

Other Ministers.—William H. Campbell, President of Rutgers College; Jacob Cooper, and T. Sanford Doolittle, Professors of Rutgers College; Peter J. Quick, New Brunswick, N. J. William H. Steele, Newark, N. J. H. W. Brandt, South Africa. John L. See, 84 Vesey Street, N. Y. John A. Van Doren, East Millstone, N. J.

Candidates.—Henry R. Lott. De Witt T. Reiley. George H. Cleaveland. Alexander G. Van Aken.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Census	Number of Families	On Certificate				Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
				On Confession	Dismissed	Suspended	Died									Total now in Communion
{ Collegiate, New York... Harlem South New York Staten Island. Bloomington Madison Avenue Thirty-fourth Street. German Evan. Mission Richmond, S. I. Huguenots, S. I. Mott Haven Union, High Bridge. Fourth German. Prospect Hill Holland Brookfield, Conn. Avenue B. Ger. Evan.* Brighton Heights Union, Sixth Avenue. German, Norfolk Street. Mattoax & Amelia C. H..	Thomas E. Vermilye. Tal. W. Chambers, (S. C.) William Ormiston. G. Henry Mandeville Ebenzer P. Rogers. James Brownlee Enoch Van Aken William Lloyd, S. S. Carlos Martyn. Julius W. Geyer Francis M. Kip Francis M. Kip Hasbrouck Du Bois. Hasbrouck Du Bois, S.S. John H. Oerter D. McL. Quackenbush A. H. Beethhold Vacant Vacant William T. Enyard. William B. Merritt. G. L. Neef	750 145 200 140 56 226 215 56 226 215 8 120 35 60 56 45 37 180 9 800	153 21 15 18 8 3 35 42 8 1 82 15 21 12 5 3 6 9 20 1	66 19 6 8 2 25 16 2 2 2 7 15 11 6 5 2 6 3 8 1	20 6 6 8 28 22 1 2 2 4 4 2 4 7 5 2 4 4 3 4 1	1 7 8 4 7 5 7 6 4 3 1 5 1 2 1 2 3 2 10 8 2 10 4	2026 306 568 829 108 382 640 108 382 640 42 43 249 45 220 151 90 81 147 212 314 470	56 9 11 19 1 26 35 1 1 1 12 1 28 4 4 9 9 5 8 50 273	25 4 2 5 1 12 1 1 1 10 1 1 1 5 4 4 5 4 9 5 2 2 70	1000 150 250 250 90 170 40 90 250 40 225 10 250 200 190 75 60 2600	7 1 3 2 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 29	2300 540 575 420 130 252 600 90 74 460 90 230 380 155 290 250 500 7286	\$26,000 00 1,399 51 4,652 39 612 50 375 67 1,130 1,762 24 22 50 183 80 650 74 69 205 83 665 82 75 251 237 17 175 397 59 \$38,677 44	..... ..... ..... \$15,000 8,979 6,490 4,710 2,078 2,550 183 80 650 765 94 1,749 76 2,174 900 150 1,373 48 3,055 45 4,999 88 1,905 23 \$51,512 09	15 West 56th st., N. Y. 70 West 86 st., " 17 West 32d st., " 427 East 124th st., " 32 West 27th st., " Port Richmond, S. I. Jamesburg. 63 809 Lexington av., N. Y. 449 West 84th st., " 66 Second st., " Stapleton, S. I. " 145th st., cor. 3d av., N. Y. 245 West 40th st., " 231 East 86th st., " 279 West 11th st., " Tompkinsville, S. I. 88 84 Charles st., N. Y. 23 129 Norfolk st., "

Mission Pastors.—J. H. Bertholf, 160 West 29th street, N. Y. G. S. Plumley, P. O. Box 757, N. Y. W. L. Johnson, Orangeburg, S. C.

Foreign Missionaries.—L. W. Kip, China. Charles H. H. Wolf, Japan.

Other Ministers.—M. S. Hutton, 47 East 9th street, N. Y. John Forsyth, West Point, N. Y. L. G. Bingham, Middlebush, N. J. C. M. Jameson, Somerville, N. J. Aaron Lloyd Belleville, N. J. J. H. Sinclair, Stapleton, S. I. J. B. Steele, New Brunswick, N. J. F. Wiggins, N. Y. A. R. Van Nest, 112 West 16th street, N. Y. W. H. Miller, 89 South 9th street, Brooklyn. James M. Ludlow, 132 West 48th street, N. Y. * Jacob Schlegel, Pastor elect.

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		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Berea	L. S. Comfort.	60	18	7	...	2	120	7	6	25	3	150	\$108 50	\$1,018 44	Walden, Orange Co., N. Y.		
Bloomington	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bloomington, Sullivan Co., "
Callicoon	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Callicoon, "
Charville	R. P. Milliken, S. S.	25	13	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	1 25	...	...	Charville, "
Cuddebackville	J. DuBois.	100	2	3	...	...	...	...	1	75	1	100	50 80	537 64	Cuddebackville, Orange Co., "
Deerpark	H. M. Voorhees, P. E.	160	4	...	...	...	...	...	7	150	2	330	561 84	9,789 84	Port Jervis, "
Ellenville	E. W. Bentley, (S. C.)	80	11	4	6	...	...	...	8	248	4	5	124 55	2,020	Ellenville, Ulster Co., "
Fallsburgh	W. S. Brown	75	12	3	4	...	...	...	6	10	1	100	154	903	Woodbourne, Sullivan Co., "
Fremont	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Fremont, "
Grahamville	R. P. Milliken.	42	14	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	2	100	6	489	Grahamville, "
Hortonville	Vacant.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Callicoon Depot, "
Jeffersonville	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jeffersonville, "
Kerkonkson	P. B. Crollus	80	12	1	4	...	...	...	7	25	1	80	...	550	Kerkonkson, Ulster Co., "
Mamakating	A. F. Todd	45	8	3	2	...	...	...	1	6	30	1	...	...	Wurtsboro, Sullivan Co., "
Minnisink	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Montague, Sussex Co., N. J.
Montgomery	F. H. Schenck, P. E.	185	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 234	1,000	2,293 57	Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y.
Newburgh	J. H. Carroll	807	29	17	6	...	...	...	8	56	2	200	419 16	5,813 50	Newburgh, "
New Hurley	R. H. Battie	107	9	4	...	...	...	...	3	5	...	5 200	158	1,088	New Hurley, Ulster Co., "
North Prospect	J. T. Denarest.	80	2	2	4	...	...	...	2	...	3	125	73 69	...	New Hurley, Ulster Co., "
North Branch	Vacant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Pine Bush, Orange Co., "
Shawangunk	C. Spaulding	100	4	5	4	...	...	...	13	1	40	125	75	938	Brynswick, Ulster Co., "
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	80	14	7	6	...	...	...	4	6	75	1 100	284	1,400	Walden, Orange Co., "
Wallkill Valley	B. C. Lippincott	60	3	12	5	...	...	...	6	...	1	80	44	1,517 61	Shawangunk, Ulster Co., "
Walpack, Upper	G. S. Garretson	70	6	1	1	...	...	...	1	20	1	110	55	800	Dingman's Bridge, Pike Co., Pa.
Walpack, Lower	J. E. Shaw	90	4	...	4	...	...	...	2	178	2	2 100	65	650	Bushkill, Monroe Co., N. Y.
Wawarsing	G. B. Bell	107	5	1	...	...	...	...	3	80	3	283	1,258	1,199 50	Napanoch, Ulster Co., N. Y.
Total	Total	1,853	176	70	56	1	48	8217	80	84	536	35	2,657	\$4,437 54	\$31,063 10		

Other Ministers.—S. W. Mills, Port Jervis, Orange Co., N. Y. Jno. A. Staats, Goshen, Orange Co., N. Y. Henry Morris, Emeritus, Binghamton, N. Y.
Robert Pitts, Stroudsburg, Pa. William E. Turner, Lake Mahopac, Putnam Co., N. Y.

* No Report

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.—P. E. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS				
		Census	Number of Families	Rec'd		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens		Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Acquanconck.....	John Gaston.....	175	27	6	9	9	9	312	16	4	180	1	290	\$1,396 57	\$3,929 60	Passaic, N. J.	
Broadway, Paterson.....	William H. Clark, (s. c.).....	96	18	4	4	4	4	178	7	5	80	2	164	871 30	8,051 36	Paterson, N. Y.	
Clarkstown.....	Vacant.....	90	2	1	2	1	5	140	5	1	12	1	106	532 90	1,957 75	Nyack Turnpike, N. J.	
First Holland, Paterson.....	James Huyseoon.....	55	10	2	5	2	23	144	23	...	40	1	80	99 78	805 05	Paterson, " "	
Holland, Hobokus.....	Vacant.....	38	4	3	3	1	15	73	15	...	80	1	80	...	146 81	Hobokus, " "	
Holland, Lodi.....	William F. Betz.....	42	8	2	8	1	62	11	14	1	14	1	22	3 65	1,244 03	Lodi, " "	
Holland, Passaic.....	William Hazenbergs	100	16	7	7	2	190	24	24	1	30	1	80	...	900	Passaic, " "	
North Passaic.....	Charles D. Kellogg.....	190	15	8	5	2	184	9	2	2	240	2	200	627 78	3,643 32	Passaic, N. Y.	
Nyack.....	Henry V. Voorhees.....	184	22	5	7	1	319	19	8	1	100	1	115	776 63	2,538 29	Nyack, N. J.	
Paramus.....	Geary Talmage.....	185	15	5	7	2	182	6	8	1	100	1	80	846 12	2,038 03	Ridgewood, N. Y.	
Pascack.....	Edward Lodewick.....	80	8	4	2	1	112	6	1	25	1	1	165	26 23	2,163 04	Piermont, N. Y.	
Piermont.....	William C. Stitt.....	60	6	4	2	1	111	2	2	2	20	1	45	365	500	Mahwah, N. J.	
Ramapo.....	Vacant.....	20	10	2	2	5	45	7	4	4	20	1	60	20	235	Ramsey's, N. J.	
Ramsey's.....	Vacant.....	20	6	2	2	1	34	7	4	4	20	1	80	...	1,270	Ridgewood, " "	
Saddle River.....	John A. Van Neste.....	35	15	6	1	1	55	7	9	9	25	1	82	60	785 68	Saddle River, " "	
Second Totowa.....	William E. Bogardus.....	60	9	8	1	1	104	2	2	2	60	1	270	450	4,800	Paterson, N. Y.	
Spring Valley.....	John H. Duryea.....	170	12	5	1	4	247	7	7	7	150	2	125	58 68	1,832 64	Spring Valley, " "	
Tappan.....	Vacant.....	90	56	8	6	1	136	11	19	19	50	1	200	180	1,600	Tappan, " "	
Warwick.....	George M. S. Blauvelt.....	120	7	1	1	3	150	11	3	3	100	3	95	161	1,450	Warwick, " "	
West New Hempstead.....	Vernon B. Carroll.....	100	17	1	1	1	183	9	10	10	85	1	79	88 49	1,092 90	Monsey, " "	
	Benjamin T. Stateair.....	83	8	1	1	76	2	2	2	2	2	1	26	\$5,184 19	\$39,492 50		
	Total	1843	251	82	71	6	39	2912	188	74	1271	26	2628				

Other Ministers.—Isaac D. Cole, Spring Valley, N. Y. F. H. Van Derveer, Somerville, N. J. George A. Magie, Lake View, Passaic Co., N. J.
 Candidate.—William G. Haezelbarth, Nyack, N. Y.
 * Pastor elect.
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CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Beardville, (Mission).....	James E. Bernart,.....	15	25	2	2	..	28	..	13	..	1	15	\$30	..	Wanaque, Passaic Co., N. J.	
Boonton.....	John W. Conklin.....	55	1	..	7	..	8	75	1	4	..	1	70	14 65	\$248 22	Boonton, Morris Co., "
Fairfield.....	Vacant.....	90	15	9	3	..	2	150	3	..	..	1	75	80	800	Fairfield, Essex Co., "
Little Falls.....	William H. Smith.....	65	15	9	3	..	2	107	3	4	50	1	80	61 88	1,387 57	Little Falls, Passaic Co., "
Montville.....	Isaac H. Collier.....	105	9	2	1	..	1	165	5	50	1	100	..	..	..	Boonton, Morris Co., "
Sixth Paterson, (Holland).....	William A. Houbolt.....	360	27	6	6	1	5	560	64	70	1	400	255	2,800	..	Paterson, Passaic Co., "
Pompton Plains.....	J. Henry Whitehead.....	120	11	4	2	..	4	274	4	3	..	6	290	221	1,560	Pompton Plains, Morris Co., N. J.
Pompton.....	John N. Jensen, (s. c.).....	60	12	6	1	..	145	8	5	80	2	124	227 05	990 55	..	Pompton, "
Ponds.....	Vacant*.....	48	5	..	1	..	2	47	8	1	80	8	130	740	..	Oakland, Bergen Co., "
Preknoss.....	Albert A. Zabriskie.....	79	19	1	..	..	10	93	1	80	2	150	..	..	..	Pompton, "
First Totowa, (Paterson).....	John Steele.....	70	9	2	5	..	5	188	8	1	40	1	130	254 75	1,600	Paterson, Passaic Co., "
Wyckoff.....	Samuel T. Searle.....	90	1	1	1	..	1	114	11	..	30	1	60	173 70	1,050	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., "
Total.....	Total.....	1157	133	83	29	1	83	1945	107	37	300	21	1624	\$1,268 03	\$10,976 84	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. C. Cruikshank, Supt. Schools, Little Falls, N. J. Rev. A. G. Everson, Teacher, Paterson, N. J. Rev. James Denarest, 156 Belle ville Avenue, Newark, N. J., engaged in Mission Work. Rev. I. S. Demund, Wortendyke, N. J., Emeritus.

* Supplied temporarily by Rev. P. Q. Wilson.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Karlengen.....	John Gardner.	140	111	18	24	..	..	7	355	13	32	50	5	800	\$300 16	\$1,300	Hartigen, Somerset Co., N. J.
Neshanic.....	G. Ludlow and J. Hart.	195	32	4	6	..	..	2	261	17	13	50	5	235	382 67	1,712	Neshanic, "
First Philadelphia.....	Thomas X. Orr.....	150	2	16	4	..	..	7	282	4	1	..	2	350	1,103 45	6,230	Philadelphia, Pa.
Blawenburg.....	Wm. B. Voorhees.....	120	2	6	4	2	..	1	257	8	..	..	..	150	550	2,025	Blawenburg, Somerset Co., N. J.
Addisville.....	Isaac Collier.....	95	8	5	11	..	..	2	202	6	..	50	3	150	165 58	1,750	Richboro, Pa.
Rocky Hill.....	Herman C. Berg (s. c.)..	70	4	6	..	1	..	..	163	7	1	..	1	116	210 62	1,170	Rocky Hill, Somerset Co., N. J.
Fifth Philadelphia.....	A. Stoll.....	115	23	27	4	..	..	9	280	20	..	..	1	250	50	1,500	Philadelphia, Pa.
Clover Hill.....	M. N. Oliver.....	75	11	10	2	..	..	8	147	5	6	..	1	75	114 14	1,800	Clover Hill, Hunterdon Co., N. J.
Three Bridges.....	Vacant.....	45	2	4	3	..	..	2	70	3	2	..	1	100	20 10	830	Three Bridges, "
Second Philadelphia.....	Chas. P. Masden.....	215	66	6	18	..	..	5	534	15	18	..	3	635	1,647 04	7,569	938 North 8th St., Phil., Pa.
Stanton.....	A. J. Martine.....	73	8	4	1	..	..	*144	4	3	..	..	1	..	23	840	Stanton, N. J.
North & South Hampton	Vacant.....	128	2	6	2	1	..	8	295	3	9	..	..	455	456	1,897 03	Churchville, Pa.
Third Philadelphia.....	Vacant.....	60	17	3	2	..	..	2	150	..	..	..	1	200	150	1,200	Roxborough, Phil., Pa.
Fourth Philadelphia.....	W. W. Cook.....	1481	302	110	81	4	48	3092	105	85	..	150	25	3046	\$5,202 76	\$25,825 50	..
Total.....		1481	302	110	81	4	48	3092	105	85	..	150	25	3046	\$5,202 76	\$25,825 50	..

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. V. N. Taimage, Amoy, China. Rev. C. H. McDermond, St. Louis, Missouri. Rev. G. E. Gramm, 1556 Vienna st., Philadelphia, Pa.

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CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.—P. S. N. Y.

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		Census	Number of Families	On Confession		On Certificate		Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion		Religious and Benevolent purposes		Confessional Purposes		
														Number of Communicants	Number of Sabbath Schools		Total Number of Scholars	
First Poughkeepsie.....	A. P. Van Gieson, (s. o.)	190		17	11	6	10	474	12	5	6	2	.....	1	323	\$2,181 90	\$4,098 03	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Second Poughkeepsie.....	J. Elmendorf.....	140		15	12	2	8	306	5	8	...	1	100	1	135	2,062 42	2,600	Fishkill, "
Fishkill.....	A. Anderson.....	95		2	8	1	3	180	5	5	7	1	40	1	121	415 75	1,493 99	Hopewell Junction, "
Hopewell.....	G. Taylor.....	140		10	2	20	4	251	5	1	5	1	50	5	175	189 07	1,760 28	New Hackensack, "
New Hackensack.....	H. Ward.....	100		7	5	1	4	156	8	1	40	1	40	5	230	255 54	2,477 50	Rhinebeck, "
Rhinebeck.....	A. P. Pecke.....	135		11	7	4	2	308	8	6	...	1	130	1	150	504 54	3,556 60	Fishkill-on-Hudson, "
Fishkill-on-Hudson.....	C. W. Fritts.....	120		13	8	2	6	232	2	9	...	1	25	1	170	769 07	1,050	Hyde Park, "
Hyde Park.....	H. Dater.....	75		11	3	5	3	160	10	4	1	2	55	2	181	208 90	1,278 68	Glenham, "
Glenham.....	J. C. Vandeventer.....	69		2	7	3	2	70	4	1	...	1	55	1	55	600	600	Cold Spring, "
Vacant.....	Vacant.....	20		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cold Spring.....	H. N. Cobb.....	74		8	2	11	1	109	...	5	...	2	110	2	110	883 78	1,706 66	Millbrook, "
Millbrook ..	Total.....	1158		96	60	58	1	2289	52	32	810	21	1725	\$7,521 27	\$27,730 95			

Other Ministers.—Rev. S. Van Vechten, Fishkill, N. Y. Rev. H. Heernance, Rhinebeck, N. Y. Rev. C. D. Rice, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.—P. S. N. B.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
First Raritan	Abram Messler	204	13	11	2	...	4	607	15	14	...	4	200	\$653 79	\$2,560	Somerville, Somerset Co., N. J.
Readington	John H. Smock	215	31	8	10	...	8	379	...	...	...	5	450	671 94	1,305 01	Readington, Hunterdon "
Bedminster	John L. McNair	195	40	10	11	...	7	252	9	8	...	2	175	75	1,300	Bedminster, Somerset "
Lebanon	Sanford W. Roe	160	2	4	4	...	2	330	10	...	...	3	225	117	1,434	Lebanon, Hunterdon "
Rockaway	William Bailey	110	9	11	11	...	8	249	6	1	40	4	150	207 40	1,248	White House, Somerset "
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	140	41	9	5	...	2	212	8	4	100	4	160	304 83	2,000	North Branch, Somerset "
Second Raritan	John F. Mesick, (s. o.)	206	22	15	15	1	9	524	7	6	...	1	300	40 10	2,293	Peapack, " "
Peapack	Charles T. Anderson	120	9	7	2	...	4	189	11	1	...	1	113	225 82	1,198	Peapack, " "
Branchville	William Pitcher	113	19	6	8	...	1	237	7	6	...	1	200	579 65	2,198	South Branch, " "
Third Raritan	Charles H. Pool	120	14	4	7	...	7	256	11	2	180	1	215	831 85	9,253	Karlan, " "
Easton	Cornelius H. Edgar	71	14	19	33	...	1	138	2	...	...	1	120	...	...	Easton, Pa.
Plainfield	Vacant	419	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	21	...	...	Plainfield, N. J.
Central Plainfield	Vacant	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	" "
Pottersville	John A. Davis	82	13	4	4	1	3	140	5	5	...	1	125	76	1,256	Pottersville, Hunt'don Co., N. J.
High Bridge	Artemas Dean	67	1	...	...	...	1	86	...	1	80	1	125	89 71	1,149	High Bridge, "
Clinton Station	Robt. Van Amburg, S. S.	40	...	...	2	...	1	73	...	...	...	1	40	25	800	Anandale, "
Wilcox	William H. Hoffman	40	6	1	5	...	1	57	...	...	...	1	90	10 26	717	52 Wilcox, Elk Co., Pa.
Total	Total	1815	234	104	118	2	54	3729	86	43	350	32	2709	\$4,057 44	\$22,214 20	

Other Ministers.—Rev. John Vanderveer, Easton, Pa. Rev. Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J. Rev. H. F. Schnellendressler, Plainfield, N. J. Rev. Henry Stout, Missionary at Nagasaki, Japan.

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CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.—P. S. A.

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		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes	
Blooming Grove	Wilson Ingalls	70	2	2	3	2	8	1	2	80	8	2	...	1	121	\$27 70	\$703 05	De Freestville, N. Y.
Castleton	George A. Mills	100	2	2	16	1	8	1	1	175	1	2	...	2	150	230 07	1,866 73	Castleton, Rens. Co. "
Chatham	N. H. Van Arsdale	100	10	2	4	1	4	...	1	108	2	8	...	2	200	962 95	3,018 06	Chatham Village, " "
First Ghent	John B. Drury	63	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	1	1	25	1	35	140	1,560	Ghent, Columbia Co. "
Second Ghent	Jacob W. Schenck	90	12	4	...	...	...	...	...	160	5	8	...	1	95	116	1,235	Stockport, " "
Greenbush	Vacant	100	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	256	4	2	...	8	245	129 31	1,909 54	East Greenbush, " "
Kinderhook	Edward A. Collier	180	5	1	8	5	333	...	...	375	8	8	84	1	135	1,626 40	8,334 17	Kinderhook, " "
Nassau	Alfred H. Brush	150	40	4	1	...	...	...	...	46	...	23	50	2	175	400	1,900	Nassau, Rens. Co. "
New Concord	A. W. Ashley, S. S.	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	129	6	...	15	1	30	6	260	New Concord, " "
Schoelack	William Vencesoten	80	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	192	15	8	80	4	100	27	6,000	Muitzeskill, Rens. Co. "
Schoelack Landing	William J. Leggett	80	9	5	3	...	...	...	...	124	...	...	...	1	114	92	1,615 87	Schoelack Landing, " "
Stuyvesant	Elbert Nevius, (s. c.)	90	...	...	1	1	2	124	...	75	1	6	...	1	90	285 77	968 98	Stuyvesant, " "
Stuyvesant Falls	William C. Fowler	50	11	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	40	...	700	Stuyvesant Falls, " "
Total	Total	1255	102	86	28	2	28	2223	40	53	284	21	1,596	\$3,441 51	\$25,071 40			

Other Ministers.—Rev. Cor. S. Mead, Chatham Village, Col. Co., N. Y.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Boght.....	George I. Taylor.....	44	2	1	...	1	52	2	...	...	40	\$70 00	\$560	Cohoes, N. Y.
Buskirks.....	J. G. Ogden.....	40	6	4	...	2	72	2	4	...	61	...	900	Buskirks, "	
Cohoes.....	Charles N. Waldron.....	180	13	5	8	7	352	17	...	...	275	435 02	4,437 95	Cohoes, "
Easton.....	Vacant.....	35	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	Easton, "
Fort Miller.....	Vacant.....	40	9	...	8	...	480	2	7	...	30	...	425	Fort Miller, "	
Gansevoort.....	A. G. Cochran, S. S.....	†32	...	...	...	...	35	...	4	...	51	50 00	1,150	Gansevoort, "
Northumberland.....	Wm. H. Ford.....	66	4	...	...	2	96	...	...	25	27	...	360	Bacon Hill, "
Rensselaer.....	George I. Taylor.....	28	1	2	...	1	17	...	...	...	200	177 65	1,800	Schuylerville, "
Saratoga.....	David K. Van Doren.....	83	28	3	1	1	190	4	12	...	89	59 50	1,032	Mechanicville, "	
Schaghticoke.....	Solomon T. Cole.....	36	6	1	...	4	61	...	6	9	74	243 13	1,877	Greenwich, "	
Union Village.....	John J. Smart.....	60	25	12	2	8	119	1	12	...	228	605 81	4,023 84	West Troy, "	
West Troy.....	Alfred J. Hutton.....	192	11	4	8	5	235	7	10	...	291	526 43	4,651	West Troy, "	
West Troy (South).....	S. W. Strong, (s. o.).....	160	18	7	1	...	†247	12	5	...	50	50 00	1,700	Wynantskill, "	
Wynantskill.....	Vacant*.....	80	5	1	...	1	74	10	...	...	50	...	...	Wynantskill, "
Total.....	Total.....	1006	126	89	25	7	26 1675	57	60	84	11	1416	\$2,217 04	\$22,916 79	

Other Ministers.—Rev. O. H. Gregory, West Troy, N. Y.; Rev. H. A. Raymond, Schenectady, N. Y.; Rev. Uriah Marvin, Troy, N. Y.; Rev. John Smith, Greenbush, N. Y.; Rev. J. S. Wyckoff, Wood Haven, Queens Co., N. Y.; Rev. J. S. L. Tomb, Eagle Mills, N. Y.

* Supplied by Rev. O. P. Evans, of Cong. Ch.

† Last year's report.

‡ Revised list.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Scholars	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
First Schenectady	Vacant	165	11	11	2	...	8	365	8	1	548	8	548	\$555 47	\$4,871	Schenectady, N. Y.
Second Schenectady	Vacant	160	21	10	9	41	7	174	4	8	180	1	145	69 02	1,805 10	"
First Glenville	William N. Randles	141	11	1	1	1	7	265	2	2	180	2	210	475	1,496	Glenville, "
Second Glenville	H. Vanderwart	97	11	1	1	1	5	118	2	5	180	4	180	...	1,000	Schenectady, "
First Rotterdam	John C. Lowe	180	15	2	4	...	1	114	2	10	...	2	180	57	770	Pattersonville, "
Second Rotterdam	Ira Van Allen	65	10	2	1	1	1	74	5	3	...	2	180	...	745	Schenectady, "
Helderberg	Samuel L. Gamble	243	68	5	4	1	3	529	6	17	...	6	356	288	2,253	Guilderland Centre, "
Niskayuna	J. A. DeBaun, (s. c.)	100	5	1	6	1	5	188	8	1	160	8	160	136 69	1,000	Niskayuna, "
Lishas Kill	John A. DeBaun	85	6	7	3	...	181	4	1	1	160	2	160	227 88	1,079 32	"
Amity	William W. Letson	90	9	1	1	1	1	147	2	3	80	1	120	140	900	Vischer's Ferry, "
Princeton	J. Kelly Rhinehart	90	4	...	...	...	3	243	4	...	75	1	170	144 45	1,254	Dunnsville, "
Cranesville	Vacant	30	10	...	...	...	41	...	...	...	...	1	41	...	...	"
Total		1396	181	80	42	40	2439	50	63	1203	28	2350	\$2,088 51	\$17,173 42		

Other Ministers.—Rev. Abram J. Swits, Schenectady, N. Y.; Rev. David B. Hall, Duanesburg, N. Y.; Rev. Denis Wortman, Hopewell Junction, N. Y.; Rev. A. A. Bookstaver, Montgomery, N. Y.; Rev. William H. Phraner, Schenectady, N. Y.; Rev. John Nott, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Rev. William P. Davis, Guilderland, Albany Co., N. Y.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS				
		Census	Number of Families	On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed		Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults		Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Schoharie	William C. Handy	108	29	1	8	1	1	2	161	10	10	25	2	200	\$25	\$1,850	Schoharie, N. Y.
Middleburgh	John S. Gardner	99	11	1	1	1	1	2	157	10	5	10	2	100	95	1,100	Middleburgh, "
Gallupville	J. H. Kershaw	70	3	1	1	1	1	99	1	3	35	1	80	80	776	Gallupville, "	
Berne	Robert Doig (s. o.)	775	21	1	1	1	1	2,138	1	11	50	1	50	100	588	Berne, "	
Beaver Dam	Robert Doig	774	38	1	1	1	1	1,112	25	100	100	1	100	26	393	Berne, "	
Laverville	George A. Rice	56	5	1	1	1	1	157	1	3	1	1	80	33	890	Laverville, "	
Schoharie Mountain	A. C. Millsbaugh	40	7	3	1	1	1	47	1	4	1	1	35	50	685	Howe's Cave, "	
North Blenheim	Edward Miller	40	4	1	1	1	1	32	8	1	30	1	30	450	North Blenheim, "		
Breakabin	Edward Miller	830	1	1	1	1	1	54	23	23	40	1	60	400	North Blenheim, "		
Sharon	William H. Carr	41	30	1	1	1	1	100	8	24	60	1	110	71	673	Sharon Centre, "	
Gilboa	Edward Cornet	78	41	4	2	1	1	121	1	1	1	1	85	.....	2,600	Gilboa, "
Eminence	Vacant	17	3	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	.....	1	60	4	60	Howe's Cave, "
Central Bridge	A. C. Millsbaugh	20	8	1	1	1	1	16,185	19	110	340	14	990	\$356	\$10,463	Howe's Cave, "	
Total		748	184	16	5	1	1	16,185	19	110	340	14	990	\$356	\$10,463	68	

Other Ministers.—Rev. J. S. Lott, 54 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. J. H. Van Woert, Laverville, Schoharie Co., N. Y.; Rev. J. M. Scribner, Middleburgh, Schoharie Co., N. Y.; Rev. T. L. Shafer, Berne, Albany Co., N. Y. All infirm.

† Revised list.

* Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER—P. S. A.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census Number of Families	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS	
			On Confession	Rec'd	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be- nevolent purposes		Congregational Purposes
Blue Mountain	Geo. W. Labaw	125	4	5	11	2	2	289	17	...	40	2	170	\$86 10	\$1,075 98	Saugerties, N. Y.
Caatsban	Stephen Seale	75	6	1	...	...	2	160	8	...	70	1	60	227 55	1,157 98	Saugerties, "
Esopus	J. N. Voorhis, (s. c.)	100	9	2	1	...	4	31	8	8	...	2	120	18	1,759	Ulster Park, "
Flatbush	J. S. N. Demarest	135	8	2	3	...	1	286	20	...	102	...	275	25 46	1,117	Glasco "
Kingston	J. G. Van Slyke	+280	20	15	...	...	4	418	...	...	...	1	...	913 06	4,454 75	Kingston, "
North Esopus	A. M. Arcularius	90	9	6	...	...	2	160	5	2	...	3	205	163 87	1,128 76	Port Ewen, "
Plattekill	Wm. G. E. See	145	5	...	2	...	4	302	29	1	...	3	150	111 21	1,397	Glasco, "
Saugerties	Sanford H. Cobb	175	12	5	8	...	3	315	8	5	200	1	300	529 58	2,586 41	Saugerties, "
Shandaken	A. J. Beekman	36	4	...	...	...	1	46	5	2	...	1	80	2 50	250	Shokan, "
Shokan	A. J. Beekman	70	1	3	6	1	1	128	3	1	16	2	95	6 75	640 76	Shokan, "
West Hurley	C. Blauvelt	60	13	...	9	...	+	144	5	3	40	1	60	13	600	West Hurley, "
Woodstock	W. B. Moore	65	2	4	1	1	3	114	7	...	...	2	100	55 27	600	Woodstock, "
Wiltwyck	J. R. Talmage	44	7	1	1	...	1	73	2	1	...	1	198	105 45	1,128 19	Kingston, "
Total		1850	95	44	30	4	24	2516	117	18	468	17	1813	\$3,257 30	\$16,796 83	

Other Ministers.—Rev. W. L. James, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. J. C. F. Hoes, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. C. Van Santvoord, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. Wm. A. Shaw, Kingston, N. Y.; Rev. Calvin Case, Shokan, N. Y.; Rev. Alex. Gulick, Woodstock, N. Y.
+ Revised list.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.—P. S. N. Y.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	COMMUNICANTS						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES	
		Census Number of Families	Rec'd		Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Cate- chumens	Number of Sab- bath Schools	Total Number of Scholars	Religious and Be-		Congregational
On Confession	On Certificate		nevolent purposes	Purposes												
Bronxville.....	John Hutchins.	60	5	2	...	...	69	...	8	...	1	90	\$455	\$1,786 70	Bronxville, N. Y.	
Courtlandtown.....	Joseph A. Harper	80	2	1	8	...	8	58	5	1	48	1	78	40	800	Montrose, " "
Fordham.....	William Anderson.	45	2	3	7	...	1	60	...	...	...	1	137	...	1,848 29	Fordham, " "
Greenburgh.....	James H. Hoyt.	35	...	...	...	...	...	34	1	...	...	1	40	...	1,680	Hartsdale, " "
Greenville.....	Richard L. Schoonmaker.	44	2	...	7	...	1	67	1	...	...	2	225	1,191 24	1,400	Scarsdale, " "
Hastings.....	Thomas R. G. Peck.	78	8	4	7	...	...	188	2	1	...	1	215	18	912	Hastings-on-Hudson, " "
Melrose.....	John E. Lang	47	17	...	...	...	1	89	87	1	16	1	210	850 49	6,686 47	Morrisania, " "
Mount Vernon.....	Mandus H. Hutton, (s. c.)	135	11	25	1	...	3	246	5	6	160	1	130	102 06	2,113 76	Mount Vernon, " "
Peekskill.....	Isaac L. Kip.	76	11	2	1	...	1	132	4	7	75	1	175	957 15	4,172 85	Peekskill, " "
Tarrytown, First.....	John K. Allen.	115	12	3	2	...	4	295	6	2	...	1	100	1,132 50	8,617	North Tarrytown, " "
Tarrytown, Second.....	John A. Todd	100	19	9	5	2	4	825	6	6	63	1	...	...	1,290	Tarrytown, " "
Unionville.....	Howard Harris.	40	...	1	...	...	...	58	...	...	30	1	169	184 50	872 96	Neperan, " "
West Farms.....	John Simonson.	48	2	4	...	...	1	47	8	...	...	1	385	1,267 58	4,781 35	West Farms, " "
Yonkers.....	David Cole	120	13	12	7	...	5	312	16	3	225	1	...	...	...	Yonkers, " "
Total.....		1018	104	62	42	2	24	1917	84	80	622	15	1944	\$5,698 82	\$34,137 80	

Other Ministers.—Washington Roosevelt, Pelham, N. Y. W. W. Rand, 180 Nassau street, N. Y. City. G. Windemuth, High Bridge, N. Y. City. Francis Bagley, New Brighton, S. I. William Brush, 123 Monmouth street, Newark, N. J. L. H. Van Dyck, New Brunswick, N. J.

Candidates.—Alexander Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y. Alphonso Wood, West Farms, N. Y. City.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.—P. E. C.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census	COMMUNICANTS					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS		POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
			On Confession	On Certificate	Dismissed	Suspended	Died	Total now in Communion	Infants	Adults	Number of Catechumens	Number of Sabbath Schools	Total Number of Scholars		Religious and Benevolent purposes	Congregational Purposes
Alto.....	J. H. Karsten.....	118	23	...	2	...	8	212	36	1	200	...	...	\$288 13	...	Alto, Wis.
Bethlehem.....	Vacant.....	55	15	4	2	...	3	70	12	...	...	...	...	540 80	...	Danforth,
Danforth.....	B. De Bey.....	206	120	10	40	...	8	379	63	6	200	1	260	79	\$2,607 73	414 W. Harrison st., Chicago, Ill.
Chicago.....	Vacant.....	19	8	...	8	...	2	33	...	...	19	...	...	135 57	510 48	Forreston,
Franklin.....	Vacant.....	40	1	...	2	...	8	70	14	...	24	1	66	506 42	751	Fulton,
Forreston.....	T. E. Schleider.....	70	6	4	...	1	8	169	16	...	125	1	169	355	900	Gibbsville, Wis.
Fulton.....	Vacant.....	82	6	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	1	75	270	...	Greenleafon, Minn.
Gibbsville.....	J. W. Dunnewold.....	63	2	10	1	...	4	93	9	...	115	1	125	751 19	1,034 44	Cedar Grove, Shebo'n Co., Wis.
Greenleafon.....	P. Lepeltak.....	73	5	1	...	...	2	156	14	...	175	1	175	762 56	1,034 82	Roseland, Cook Co., Ill.
Holland, Wis.....	H. Bergers, (s. c.).....	124	7	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	1	65	132 12	365 09	Holland, Lancaster Co., Neb.
High Prairie.....	H. R. Koopman.....	78	15	10	8	...	2	129	30	...	160	1	150	304	1,364 22	Milwaukee, Wis.
First Holland, Neb.....	J. Huizinga.....	57	29	6	5	...	2	6	130	19	76	1	100	103 26	751 60	Oostburg,
Milwaukee.....	R. Duiker.....	36	4	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	1	215	47	1,404 80	Peoria,
Oostburg.....	J. Hoffman.....	55	12	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	50	66 77	700	Oregon, Ozle Co., Ill.
Peoria.....	J. Muller.....	48	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	1	110	540	1,250	S. Holland, Cook Co., Ill.
Ebenezer.....	L. Watermuller.....	88	26	3	6	...	1	184	19	1	100	1	112	1,697 98	...	Baileyville, Ozle Co., Ill.
S. Holland.....	A. Baursma.....	150	13	...	8	...	2	161	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sheboygan Falls, Wis.
Silver Creek.....	M. M. Steltens.....	12	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sheboygan Falls, Wis.
Sheboygan Falls.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Holland, Neb.
Second Holland, Neb.....	Vacant.....	14	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	30	...	...	...	102 21	Lansing, Ill.
Lansing, Ill.....	Vacant.....	1858	292	67	84	6	48	2283	855	8	1544	13	1672	\$6,030 13	\$15,963 91	
Total.....																

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Other Ministers.—Rev. H. G. Klyn, Chicago, Illinois.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA FOR THE YEAR 1877.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Recd.		Died.	Now in Communion.	B.A.P.		No. of Cat- echumens.	U. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		Rev.
					On Con- fession	On Cer- tifi- cate			Infants.	Adults.				Religious and Bene- volent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
Classis of Albany	17	19	..	1522	255	76	80	3088	127	59	209	22	2772	\$11,471	\$33,281	J. L. Pearce.
Classis of Aroostook	20	8	..	575	59	51	19	778	102	25	389	..	2500	1,500	75	E. J. Heeren.
Classis of Bergen	16	17	..	1239	190	41	46	1951	185	40	774	16	2708	4,843	28,362	William K. Gordon.
South Classis of Bergen	12	14	..	1020	101	75	28	1732	117	18	1099	14	2414	6,265	85,137	William Rankin Durjee.
Classis of Cayuga	11	..	..	847	39	17	20	1269	18	19	275	12	1539	13,746	15,863	J. H. Enders.
Classis of Cayuga River	12	..	..	1601	431	114	87	2392	379	31	781	12	1781	17,316	17,316	James de Pree.
Classis of Grand River	15	11	..	1246	199	94	27	2159	142	31	503	16	1500	2,125	15,803	John Whitbeck.
Classis of Geneva	17	17	..	1091	188	20	31	1594	36	103	192	2	898	1,351	11,441	B. Van Zandt.
Classis of Greene	10	10	..	791	896	99	23	2595	318	2	1865	15	2003	5,535	15,858	William Moordyk.
Classis of Holland	17	15	..	1473	76	23	82	1872	54	28	215	17	1393	4,226	16,434	Polhemus Van Wyck.
Classis of Hudson	10	12	..	1098	194	67	19	2182	203	62	988	97	2321	2,204	15,943	John S. Jorammon.
Classis of Illinois	21	22	..	1455	137	61	27	2366	117	104	480	29	2270	2,088	16,045	Philip Peltz.
Classis of Kingston	14	12	..	1379	284	99	27	2366	117	104	480	29	2270	2,088	16,045	Philip Peltz.
Classis of Long Island	22	26	..	2112	245	67	86	3332	338	56	576	26	4914	2,991	55,766	William H. Ten Eyck.
North Classis of Long Island	18	26	..	1668	266	108	50	8659	235	54	1126	23	4592	2,991	57,483	D. S. Sutphen.
Classis of Michigan	9	9	..	420	86	32	14	669	40	20	72	11	1285	722	11,196	John W. Beardslee.
Classis of Monmouth	10	12	..	538	70	29	20	1368	44	32	333	17	1085	1,589	11,011	James Bolton.
Classis of Montgomery	22	22	..	1803	106	29	33	2375	94	49	341	33	2537	2,641	30,719	A. J. Hageman.
Classis of Newark	13	20	1	1464	150	70	98	2472	103	37	1447	17	2932	9,902	48,096	Henry Veislag.
Classis of New Brunswick	10	17	4	1141	352	90	35	2709	86	84	784	24	1901	5,391	19,948	Richard H. Steele.
Classis of New York	23	35	..	2515	142	148	100	6423	273	20	2000	29	7286	85,177	51,512	Talbot W. Chambers.
Classis of Orange	26	23	..	1853	176	70	48	3217	80	84	536	36	2657	4,437	81,003	E. W. Bentley.
Classis of Paramus	21	19	1	1543	181	82	39	2912	188	74	1271	26	2625	5,534	39,492	William H. Clark.
Classis of Passaic	12	14	1	1157	133	33	83	1945	107	37	300	21	1624	1,268	10,976	John N. Jansen.
Classis of Philadelphia	14	15	..	1481	902	110	43	3092	105	85	310	25	3046	5,202	28,825	Herman C. Berg.
Classis of Philadelphia	11	13	..	1153	234	104	54	3729	86	48	350	32	1725	7,521	27,720	A. P. Van Gieson.
Classis of Poughkeepsie	17	19	..	1815	102	36	28	2223	40	52	284	21	2709	4,057	22,214	John F. Mesick.
Classis of Rensselaer	13	13	..	1235	126	39	26	1675	57	60	34	11	1590	3,441	22,214	John F. Mesick.
Classis of Saratoga	14	16	..	1006	126	39	26	1675	57	60	34	11	1590	3,441	22,214	John F. Mesick.
Classis of Schoenectady	13	15	..	1396	181	30	40	2439	50	63	1203	28	2350	2,038	17,173	Selach W. Strong.
Classis of Schoharie	12	13	..	748	184	16	16	1085	19	110	340	14	990	356	10,463	John A. De Baum.
Classis of Ulster	18	18	..	1360	95	44	24	2516	117	18	468	17	1813	8,257	16,796	Robert Doug.
Classis of Westchester	21	21	1	1018	104	62	24	1917	84	30	623	15	1944	5,698	34,137	Jacob N. Voorhis.
Classis of Wisconsin	14	15	..	1368	292	67	48	2283	355	8	1544	13	1672	6,030	15,968	Manlius H. Hutton.
Classis of Wisconsin	14	15	..	1368	292	67	48	2283	355	8	1544	13	1672	6,030	15,968	Harm Borgers.
Total	509	543	7	43,380	6408	2102	1114	78,597	4851	1601	23,411	642	77,203	\$200,539	\$310,043	

CLASSES.

Total.

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes find on pages 54 and 55 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, a report on the subject of Missions, which requires the action of this Synod. The portion which relates to Domestic Missions, having already been referred to the appropriate Committee, we offer respecting the remainder, which relates to Foreign Missions, the following:

Resolved, That so much of the said report, as relates to Foreign Missions, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

We find on page 6 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, a resolution asking the General Synod for further action on the subject of preaching on the Heidelberg Catechism.

Resolved, That this request be referred to the Committee on Overtures.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY WARD, *Chairman*.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented their report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Overtures have had submitted to them an Overture relating to the Heidelberg Catechism, resolutions from the Particular Synods of Albany and New Brunswick, on the same subject, requests for dispensations, and a petition.

We report upon each as follows :

The Classis of Rensselaer sends to the Synod the following Overture : “The Classis of Rensselaer respectfully memorializes General Synod to submit to the churches an amendment of the Constitution, either to expunge the requirement as to the explanation of the Heidelberg Catechism, or to so modify it that preaching the substance thereof be regarded

as a compliance with the law, and thus a law that has been a dead letter be taken from our Constitution."

The part of the Resolution of the Particular Synod of Albany, which demands the attention of your Committee, is as follows : " When the pastor or elder have answered in the negative to the second question, the President shall censure before the Classis said pastor, for evidently neglecting or refusing to preach upon the Heidelberg Catechism, according to the constitutional requirement, and the elder for not demanding of his pastor a prompt and ready conformity to the regulations of said Constitution, and the names of persons so censured, recorded on the book of Minutes of such Classes."

The Resolution of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, with reference to preaching on the Heidelberg Catechism, is as follows :

" *Resolved*, That this Synod, under the circumstances, will wait the further action of General Synod on this subject."

In view of the above, your Committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That in view of the varied legislation, during many years, upon the subject of explaining or preaching upon the Heidelberg Catechism, a committee be appointed to examine into the whole subject as to the origin, history, practice, and synodical legislation, pertaining to this matter, and to report what action may seem proper, to the next session of the General Synod.

The following were appointed said Committee : Revs. E. T. Corwin, A. R. Van Nest, W. J. R. Taylor, E. P. Livingston. Elders, James Anderson, J. W. Ferdon, and G. C. Churchill.

DISPENSATIONS.

1. The Classis of Arcot requests a dispensation for Moses Nathaniel, from a collegiate course, and from the Greek and Hebrew languages, in order that they may ordain him to the ministry. The reasons for this request are that the Classis have entire confidence in his worthiness for the sacred office, and that several of the Mission churches desire his services as pastor, and have promised to contribute about half his salary.

We therefore recommend to the Synod that the request be granted.

2. The Classis of New Brunswick unanimously requests a dispensation for John H. Bergen and Islay Walden, from the study of the Greek and Hebrew languages, for the following reasons: "Mr. Bergen is totally blind, and Mr. Walden's eyesight is defective, the Classis being fully persuaded that these students would make intelligent and efficient ministers," among their colored brethren.

We therefore recommend that the request be granted, and that these students be permitted to continue their studies in the Seminary.

3. The Classis of Holland requests a dispensation for Marinus Van Doren. The reasons are that Mr. Van Doren is now 35 years of age, has a family to support, and gives good evidence of such endowments as promise future usefulness in the ministry.

We therefore recommend that the request be granted.

4. The Classis of New York requests a dispensation for Frederick R. Marvin, M.D., relieving him from the following requirements of the Constitution, viz: Examination in the original languages of Scripture, and a professorial certificate of having completed a three years' course of study in our Theological Seminary.

We recommend that the request be granted.

5. The North Classis of Long Island requests a dispensation for Louis T. Herr, from a collegiate course. "The Classis recommend that Mr. Herr be placed under the care of the Board of Education for the usual amount granted to students, and that owing to his age and circumstances, a dispensation be requested from General Synod to set aside his lack of collegiate course, inasmuch as he has received a High Education, and is now pursuing classical study in private."

We recommend that the request be granted.

On the general subject of dispensations, your Committee recommend the following action:

Whereas, The Classes are alone responsible for these applications for dispensation, and,

Whereas, The Classes alone can know all the circumstances, and the qualifications of each applicant; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge the greatest care and discrimination in recommending applications for dispensations.

A lengthy petition from Rev. N. D. Williamson, asking for a number of amendments to Rules of Order, &c., was placed in the hands of your Committee.

After a careful consideration of the subject, your Committee recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to make the amendments suggested.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. P. LIVINGSTON, *Chairman*.

P. FURBECK,

W. H. CARR,

F. A. LANCASHIRE.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

An appeal by Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, D. D., from a decision of the Particular Synod of New York, sustaining the action of the Classis of Kingston, in suspending him from the ministry, was received, and, with the accompanying documents, was referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Judicial Business would respectfully report that there have been placed in our hands the following papers in the case of the Classis of Kingston against the Rev. Augustus Blauvelt :

1. A document setting forth the action of the Classis of Kingston in the suspension from the ministry of Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, in part as follows :

“ *Whereas*, Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, in his reply to the questions proposed to him, has stated that his disagreement with Articles IV., V., and VII. of the Confession is ‘fundamental or radical ;’ and

“ *Whereas*, He has also stated that in preparing the article on ‘Protestant Vaticanism,’ published by him in *Scribner’s Monthly* of September, 1876, he ‘did not think anything about its being in violation of his promise and covenant in signing the Formula, which was the condition of his being re-

ceived as a minister of the Reformed Church and a member of this Classis ; also that in preparing said article it never occurred to him to ask the question whether it was in accordance with the Confession of Faith, and he gives us to understand that he never will consider the standards of the Church in any publication or declaration ; therefore

“*Resolved*, That these declarations show that Rev. Augustus Blauvelt does not feel bound by subscription aforesaid, and that his views upon the Sacred Scriptures are thoroughly in conflict with the teachings of the Confession of Faith in the Articles cited or referred to.

“*Resolved*, That this Classis feels that the opinions avowed by Rev. Augustus Blauvelt upon this subject assault the very foundations of all evangelical religion, betray the cause of Christ to his enemies, and wound the Church in her work and life.

“*Resolved*, That in view of these sad facts, with sorrow for being compelled to take such action, this Classis declares that Rev. Augustus Blauvelt be, and he hereby is suspended from the office of the ministry of the Gospel.”

2. A document containing the appeal of Rev. Augustus Blauvelt to the Particular Synod of New York, against the action of the Classis of Kingston.

3. A document embodying the action of the Particular Synod of New York in affirming the judgment of the Classis of Kingston, as follows:

Resolved, That the judgment and sentence passed by the Classis of Kingston against Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, D.D., be and the same hereby is in all things affirmed.

The Particular Synod of New York assigns the following reasons for this decision:

1. The proceedings on the trial before Classis were regular and in due form, and no objections were raised to the same.

2. The evidence was full and abundantly sufficient to sustain the judgment of Classis against the appellant.

3. The appellant, upon appearing before the Particular Synod on said appeal, freely admitted that the Classis of Kingston could not, consistently with the facts, have passed any other judgment against him.

Dr. Blauvelt gave notice of appeal from this action to General Synod.

JOACHIM ELMENDORF,

President Particular Synod.

ANSON DU BOIS, *Stated Clerk.*

Flatlands, L. I., May 15, 1877.

4. A document in which Rev. Augustus Blauvelt appeals to this General Synod from the action of the Particular Synod of New York, in part as follows:

Now, by virtue of the right accorded him in Article XIV., Section 1, of the Constitution of your venerable body, your petitioner would hereby adopt the method prescribed in Section 2 of the aforesaid Article, of appealing from a single aspect of the above action of the Particular Synod of New York.

Why? Because he solemnly believes and hereby pledges himself to appear before your venerable body prepared to present sufficient reasons for believing that the facts in the case do not warrant the Particular Synod of New York in affirming so much of the judgment passed by the Classis of Kingston against him as distinctively charges that "the opinions avowed" by your humble servant "betray the cause of Christ to his enemies." Fraternally,

A. BLAUVELT.

Kingston, N. Y., May 5, 1877.

Your Committee find the foregoing documents in order, and recommend that, agreeably to vote of Synod, the appeal of Rev. Augustus Blauvelt be heard on Friday morning, June 8th, at 10 o'clock.

HERMAN C. BERG, *Chairman.*

Synod took up the appeal of Rev. Augustus Blauvelt.

The President reminded the members of Synod that they were about to proceed to the consideration of judicial business.

Rev. V. M. Hulbert was recognized as Commissioner from the Classis of Kingston.

Rev. Philip Peltz and Elder H. P. Allen were recognized as Commissioners from the Particular Synod of New York.

1. The Sentence appealed from was read.

2. The Appeal and reasons of Appeal were read.
3. All the Documents in the case were read.
4. The Appellant was heard in his own behalf.
5. The Classis of Kingston was heard by its Commissioner.
6. The Particular Synod of New York was heard by its Commissioners.
7. The Appellant was heard in reply, after which the parties withdrew, and the Synod proceeded to deliberate. The roll was called, and every member had an opportunity to express his opinion.

Resolutions sustaining the action of the Particular Synod were then read by the Chairman of the Committee on Judicial Business.

The following was offered as a substitute :

Resolved, That the Appellant have leave to withdraw his appeal, and be referred back to the Classis of Kingston for relief from the imputation that he has betrayed the cause of Christ to his enemies, this Synod entertaining the confident expectation that said Classis will so far modify its expressions as to leave the Christian character and aims of the Appellant unimpaired.

This amendment was laid upon the table by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called for, and recorded, and are as follows :

Ayes.—Jacob Chamberlain, John B. Church, J. M. Strever, A. Piester, J. L. Snyder, George R. Garretson, John M. Wagner, F. A. Lancashire, R. G. Strong, Alex. Shaw, C. L. Wells, John Lefferts, J. B. Brinsmade, T. L. Mason, M.D., A. R. Van Nest, James Anderson, M.D., S. B. Schieffelin, D. P. Ingraham, Henry Camerden, Jr., M. V. Schoonmaker, S. W. Mills, B. C. Lippincott, G. S. Garretson, J. Lawson, G. B. Bell, D. W. Rappelje, J. B. Jones, Walter Brett, David Cole, Joseph A. Harper, Alphonso Wood, J. H. Pitcher, R. W. Clark, W. H. De Rouville, Evert Van Slyke, J. H. Enders, Isaac S. Hartley, E. Adriance, Jacob Collier, P. De Bruyn, Philip Furbeck, G. Van Fleet, L. Kooman, G. S. Conover, James C. Garretson, W. Terry, A. Mattice, A. J. Hageman, William W. Kline, James Van Horne, J. G. Ogden, S. W. Strong, Abram Marshall, William N. Randles, John C. Lowe,

William W. Letson, Alexander Dorn, Wm. H. Carr, E. Cornet, P. S. Danforth, Peter P. Schell, Stephen Searle, H. O. Yntema, E. P. Livingston, George Seibert, J. S. Joralmon, J. W. Beardslee, John A. De Spelder, P. Lepeltak, Charles Parker, Wm. R. Duryee, P. D. Van Cleef, James Bolton, Elias Mead, John A. Smock, John Dorrance, George S. Bishop, Abraham M. Quick, Peter S. Duryee, William H. Steele, Edward T. Corwin, Lewis Applegate, Lawrence Van Derveer, P. S. Williamson, James Huysson, Wm. H. Clark, Alex. D. Hill, Peter Board, James Demarest, John N. Jansen, John Steele, Abm. Doremus, Abm. L. Martine, A. W. Given, P. P. Diltz, Wm. H. Hoffman, Artemas Dean, Sanford W. Roe, J. H. Walker. Total, 99.

Nays.—James Wyckoff, M. L. Haines, Lewis Francis, Henry Ward, P. G. M. Bahler, F. M. Kipp, Jr., J. B. Drury, Jacob W. Schenck, Alfred J. Hutton, Robert Doig, William G. E. See, P. Snyder, Jacob Van Der Meulen, Evert Van Der Hart, Henry Brouwer, Chr. Van Der Veen, Henry Uiterwyk, Q. Huyser, J. Hoffman, C. B. Durand, John Kershaw, John W. Ferdon, G. M. S. Blauvelt, W. E. Bogardus, John Hart, C. Van Santvoord. Total, 26.

Rev. H. C. Berg was excused from voting.

The Synod then adopted the following resolution *nem. con.*

Resolved, That the action of the Particular Synod of New York, in the case of Rev. Augustus Blauvelt, be confirmed in whole.

Rev. Augustus Blauvelt appeared in Synod, and the decision of the court was announced to him by the President, who read to him the resolution adopted, and stated that he had been remembered in special prayer by the Synod.

REVOKING LICENCES.

The Special Committee to whom was referred a resolution on revoking licenses by the last General Synod, presented the following report which was accepted and adopted.

The Special Committee to whom the last Synod referred the subject of revoking the licenses given to persons receiving dispensations from the usual course of studies, if they do not become constitutionally ordained within a specified time, respectfully report:

Your Committee feel that this is a subject which should be treated with great care and delicacy. While erudition in the ministry is greatly to be desired, yet it is obvious that there are not a few called of God to preach the Gospel, and who do it with great acceptance to the people and with great success in winning souls, who have not received the regular collegiate and theological education. The highest education will certainly not fit them for the work without the Spirit of God, and a large measure of the latter, will often more than counterbalance disadvantages as to the former. These facts were recognized by the Synod of Dort in Art. VIII., and hence the origin of the custom of granting dispensations. The propriety of this custom was acknowledged in our first Constitution, that of 1793, but was omitted in the revision of 1832. The practice, however, continued. Hence in the revision of 1874, the section giving the right to the Synod to grant dispensations was re-incorporated.

Now your Committee are of the opinion that when an application for a dispensation is granted, and the party has received licensure, he is thenceforth only in the hands of the Classis, and legally stands on an equality with all other licentiates; that no odious and embarrassing distinctions ought to be made between those who, in the judgment of the Classis, are called of God to preach the Gospel; that no limits should be fixed for revoking the licenses of any particular class of licentiates. It is an implied right, however, of the Classis, to revoke the licenses of any under their care, whenever they have sufficient reasons. Your committee would therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the several Classes are requested to exercise great care in reference to the spirit of consecration and general ability to preach, in those who seek licensure; but that when circumstances render it evident that licentiates are not divinely called to the Gospel ministry, then their licenses may be revoked at the discretion of the Classis to which they belong.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. CORWIN, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Reports from several Classes were presented containing their action in reference to printing certain forms (p. 501) in the Liturgy, and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. John Steele, Rev. E. P. Livingston and Elder P. S. Danforth.

The Committee presented the following report which was accepted and adopted.

Your Special Committee on the printing of certain liturgical forms present the following report:

That answers have been received from fourteen Classes, twelve, viz:—the Classis of Bergen, South Bergen, Geneva, Kingston, South Classis of Long Island, Montgomery, New York, Poughkeepsie, Passaic, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Westchester have consented to the printing of the proposed forms in connection with our standards. The Classis of Holland withholds its consent, and the Classis of Ulster makes no recommendation on the subject.

From nineteen Classes no reports have been received, viz: Classis of Raritan, Cayuga, New Brunswick, Paramus, Hudson, Michigan, Newark, North Classis of Long Island, Philadelphia, Schoharie, Wisconsin, Illinois, Grand River, Albany, Greene, Orange, Monmouth, Schenectady and Arcot.

Inasmuch as the Constitution requires, in order to such addition as is now proposed, the approval of a majority of the Classes, the matter as it seems to your Committee cannot be finally disposed of at the present session of Synod.

The Committee therefore recommends that it be enjoined upon the Classes, which have not taken action in the case, (or

have not forwarded to this Synod the result of their action), to do so, and report to the Stated Clerk of General Synod.

JNO. STEELE,

Chairman of Committee.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Forty-fourth Annual report of the Board of Education was received and referred to the Committee on Education, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was received and referred to the same Committee.

The Committee on Education presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Education present the following :

We have before us the Annual Report of the "Board of Education" for the year ending April 30, 1877. The record of the year is presented under five (5) topics :

1. Students for the ministry.
2. Hope College.
3. Parochial Schools.
4. Funds.
5. Membership.

With gratitude to God, the Board reports an increased number of young men under its care, in training for the work of preaching the everlasting Gospel.

We find that at the close of the year there were sixty-eight receiving aid from the funds administered by them. The number received during the year was fourteen. Since the close of the year twelve have finished their theological course at New Brunswick and two at Holland. We believe that nearly every one of these are either already laboring in the ministry, or have prospect of speedy settlement. The report bears testimony to the "diligence in study," and "consistency in deportment" of those under its care, and expresses the confidence that they will not disappoint the expectations of the Church. We cannot but express our gratification at the state-

ment. We conceive the work of the Board to be not merely the raising of funds, but the supervision of the young men who are aided, as well as the exercise of due care in the selection of those who shall receive the help of the Church. The time has come, in the Providence of God, when the Church can select the best out of the material offered. It does not follow that because a young man has a warm heart, and is in the first flush of his faith, full of zeal, and desires the work of the ministry, that therefore he is fit to be educated by the Church. What we most desire in those the Church undertakes to train is the union of the warm heart and Christlike devotion with the vigorous intellect and power of thought. Let us strive to secure the best for the Lord's service.

2. HOPE COLLEGE.—As all matters pertaining to this institution have been referred to a special committee, we do not feel called upon to offer any suggestions concerning it.

3. PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.—The Report shows that seven (?) Churches have received aid in maintaining such schools, to the amount of \$718.75. The Board speaks encouragingly of its work in this department.

4. FUNDS.—The Treasurer's Report, submitted in connection with this Report, shows that there has been received from Churches, including the special account with the "Western Holland Classis," \$12,263.59. The amount is less than last year, and yet, in view of the universal depression in business, the discrepancy is not so large as might have been expected; on the other hand, there is ground for encouragement in the financial condition of the Board. The debt has been somewhat diminished, the permanent funds increased by a bequest of five thousand dollars, (\$5,000), and the expenses of the Board materially reduced.

5. MEMBERSHIP.—The Board record the death of one of their members, Mr. John H. Browning, expressing their sense of the loss sustained, and paying a fitting tribute to his Christian worth and manly devotion to the cause of Christ.

Your Committee have also placed in their hands the resignation of Rev. B. C. Taylor, for many years a member of the Board of Education. In consequence of bodily infirmities, our beloved brother and father in Christ feels that he is unable to fulfill the duties of the position. We are glad to embrace this

opportunity to bear our testimony to the valuable services that Dr Taylor has rendered the Church, not only in the Board of Education, but in all the work of the ministry, and the influence he has exerted, as a man of God, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost.

Resolved, That the resignation of Dr. Taylor be and hereby is accepted, and that Rev. D. K. Bartlett be and hereby is appointed as a member of the Board of Education, to serve during the unexpired term of Rev. B. C. Taylor.

In view of the record thus presented, the Board of Education has every reason for congratulation and gratitude to God.

This work is of paramount importance, and ought to be carried on with the greatest care. We only say that which is self-evident when we declare that a well-trained, cultured ministry is now a most potent instrument in the work of the Church. God is answering our prayers. The men are ready; the responsibility rests upon the Church. The field is the world. The harvest waves, the reapers wait; shall they go forth and put in the sickle? It is for the Churches to say.

Let every minister and every Consistory keep continually before the people the great importance of this work.

Your Committee present the following Resolutions:

1. That in review of the work of the Board during the past year, we gratefully recognize the Divine favor.
2. That we enjoin upon Classes and Consistories the greatest care in recommending young men for aid from educational funds, and upon the Board itself the continued exercise of the careful oversight of those entrusted to its charge.
3. That the Board of Education take special measures to inform Pastors and Consistories concerning its indebtedness, and the pressing need of its speedy liquidation.
4. That the work of the Board of Education be earnestly urged upon the attention of the Churches. That Pastors and Consistories are recommended to endeavor, in every way, to increase the contributions of the people.
5. That we urge upon those to whom God has given wealth, the endowment of scholarships, reminding all that a donation of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) will meet the appropriation for one student in each year for all the future.

6. That the last Thursday in January be set apart as a day of prayer for colleges and seminaries of learning ; and that the subject of the need of the Church and the world for an educated ministry be presented on that day.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. L. WELLS, *Chairman*.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Education :

Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.,	Mr. F. J. Hosford,
“ W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.,	“ Johnson Letson,
“ J. H. Manning, D.D.,	“ James H. Walker,
“ G. H. Mandeville, D.D.,	“ Thomas Jessup.

In place of Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D., resigned, Rev. D. K. Bartlett, for one year.

ARTICLE XIII.

CHURCH COLLEGES.

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Council of Hope College was received, read, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate. It was as follows:

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF HOPE COLLEGE.

The Council of Hope College beg leave respectfully to present this, their Eleventh Annual Report, to the General Synod.

The College year, now closing, has, by the blessing of God, been marked by an unusual degree of spiritual prosperity, and by the fact, that in these times, which bring disaster to so many homes and organizations, the work of the institution was allowed to go on. We feel confident, that the Lord, who has so signally manifested His presence, will not permit the shadow to go back on the dial.

The institution has, during the year, sustained a sad loss in the death of two worthy fathers, Rev. Cornelius Van Der Meulen and Dr. Alburtus C. Van Raalte, who, from the beginning were identified with our educational and religious

interests in the West. Dr. Van Raalte, representing the Particular Synod of Chicago, was a member of Council, and its president, from the date of its organization; and Rev. Van Der Meulen, a member from the Classis of Grand River, since 1868. Their memory will ever remain dear to us, and the influence of their lives, characterized by a self-sacrificing Christian fidelity, cannot be lost.

THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

A Regular Meeting of the Council was held in June, 1876.

The following members were present:—

From the Classis of Grand River—Rev. James de Pree.

From the Classis of Holland—Rev. Peter de Pree, Rev. Henry Uiterwyk.

From the Classis of Illinois—Rev. Edward P. Livingston, Rev. Egbert Winter.

From the Classis of Michigan—Rev. John W. Beardslee, Rev. Abel T. Stewart.

From the Classis of Wisconsin—Rev. John H. Karsten.

Representing the Institution—Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr.

The following were elected officers—Rev. Alburtus C. Van Raalte, *President*; Rev. John W. Beardslee, *Adressor*; Rev. Abel T. Stewart, *Secretary*.

Prof. Gerrit J. Kollen, the financial agent was present and read a report of his work. He was re-elected by the Council. Also Prof. Cs. Doesburg was re-elected as Treasurer.

The examinations of all the classes, except the senior classes in the Theological and Academic departments, were held and sustained.

The regular spring session of the Council was opened on the 25th of April, 1877.

The following members were present:

From the Classis of Grand River—Rev. Adrian Kriekaard, Rev. James de Pree.

From the Classis of Holland—Rev. Roelof Pieters, Rev. Peter de Pree, Rev. Henry Uiterwyk. Elder Jacobus Heeringa.

From the Classis of Michigan—Rev. Abel T. Stewart, Rev. John W. Beardslee.

From the Classis of Wisconsin—Rev. John H. Karsten, Rev. Peter Lepeltak.

Representing the Institution—Rev. Phillip Phelps, Jr.

Representing the Theological Faculty—Rev. Charles Scott.

The examinations of the senior classes in the Theological and Academic Departments were held and sustained.

It was resolved that the members of the senior Theological class be furnished with the usual certificate.

The address to the Theological students was delivered by Rev. John W. Beardslee, according to appointment.

The examination of the senior class of the Academic Department was held and sustained, and it was resolved that the customary diploma be presented at the commencement in June to all the members, viz: John C. Groeneveld, Lambertus Hekhuis, Mathew Kolyn and Johannes Visscher.

The annual report of the President of the Institution, also the reports of the several Faculties were read and laid before the council.

From these the Council would present the following with reference to the work of

INSTRUCTION.

I.—*Theological Department*—The following students have been in attendance during the year:

Senior Class—Harm Van Der Ploeg and Cornelis Wabeke.

Middle Class—Lawrence Dijkstra and John Hoekje.

Junior Class—Henry E. Dosker, Albert A. Pfanstiehl, Cornelis Van Oostenbrugge and John Visscher.

The diligence of the students has been commendable, their proficiency in study satisfactory, and their general deportment consistent with their Christian profession.

It is a matter of rejoicing to be able to state that the religious awakening, experienced by the churches of Holland and its vicinity, is in a measure owing to the spirit of earnest devotion, which during the early part of the past winter began to manifest itself among the students, and that, as the reports indicate, a large share of the labor in the conduct of prayer meetings and personal effort, has been performed by the members of the Theological department.

Besides his regular branches of instruction, Prof. Crispell has by appointment of Council, taught the students in Pastoral

Theology, and, by a similar appointment, Rev. Abel T. Stewart has instructed them in sacred Rhetoric.

II.—*Academic Department*—The number of students reported as having attended upon the exercises of this Department is 29, classified as follows: Seniors, 4; Juniors, 4; Sophomores, 8; Freshmen, 13; all but one being in full course.

The testimony of the Faculty to the good conduct of the students and their devotion to study is deserving of record. But the most cheering part of the report is this, that, as a result of the religious interest, all the students in this department are now professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

III.—*Preparatory Department*—The number of students in this department has been 57, classified as follows: Class A—19; Class B—19; Class C—23; Class D—5.

The progress and conduct, with scarcely an exception, have been commendable; especially since the deep religious interests has existed, there has been a corresponding earnestness in study. The report of the President shows that a large number have been hopefully converted and have made profession of their faith.

The Treasurer's Report, having been laid before Council, was examined by the Auditing Committee and found correct.

From it, in connection with the President's report, we would present the following Digest with reference to the

FINANCIAL CONDITION, UP TO APRIL 1ST, 1877.

Permanent Fund as Invested.

Notes and Mortgages.....	\$3,250
Special Investments.....	6,900
Outstanding endowment notes.....	11,432
Interest received during the year....	914 25

Current Endowment Account.

Endowment notes paid during the year.....	\$253 05
Mortgage notes paid in.....	650
Donations and legacies to this fund.....	2,634 78
Invested on notes secured by Mortgage	2,150
Paid to Treasurer of General Synod for Hope College Fund.....	500
Balance uninvested.....	887 83

Contingent Fund.

Interest as above.....	\$914 25
Interest from Treasurer of General Synod.....	1,098
Interest from the Ebenezer Fund.....	1,203 88
Students' Fees.....	995
Donations.....	901 40
Paid to the President and Theological Teachers...	1,098
Paid to Teachers in the Academic and Preparatory Departments.....	2,280 23
Paid to Teachers in the Primary and Female De- partment.....	291 50
Paid for current expenses of College.....	820 33
Returned to Permanent Fund.....	133 05
Paid for interest.....	382 50

Real Estate.

Permanent Fund, thus invested.....	\$12,390 05
Special Fund, thus invested.....	5,000
Income during the year	22 67
Expenses of taxes, etc.....	643 15

The Helme Fund.

Special Fund for Fruit Culture.....	\$4,000
Income during the year.....	338 17
Expenses during the year.....	309 08

De Hope and Printing House Account.

Permanent Fund, thus invested.....	\$7,700
Amount of Interest paid.....	153 26
Income from "De Hope".....	2,686 72
Expenses of "De Hope".....	2,533 46

Text Book Account.

Previous deficit in this account.....	\$840 72
Received during the year.....	669 28
Paid out during the year.....	754 69

Obligations of the Council.

Due to the President for two years, to April 30, 1877.....	\$3,600
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Due to the President and Theological Teachers, as per resolution of General Synod, June, 1875..	1,221 57
Due to teachers in Academic and Preparatory De- partments.....	4,000
Loans.....	9,072 05
Due on real estate.....	800
Due for contingent expenses, about.....	2,800

To meet which there are some Assets as endowment interest, fees, text-book and credits to "De Hope."

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

The chief contribution during the year to the library has been the gift of a number of volumes from the following persons:—Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D., and A. Scharff, Esq.

Several additional volumes have also been received from Washington and Lansing.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICATION.

A new and commodious printing house has been erected for the department at the cost of \$879.37, through the labors of Prof. Cs. Doesburg. The money was contributed by subscribers to "De Hope." The building is located on the college grounds. "De Hope" has been continued under the same editorial care as before.

ENDOWMENT WORK.

Prof. Gerrit J. Kollen has now been in the field as the Council's Financial agent for about a year and a half, and has been constantly engaged in making known the work and the wants of the college, and soliciting donations. Owing to the general financial distress, and more recently, the absorbing interest of political questions, the tangible results of his work have not been so large as they otherwise might have been. His report laid before the June meeting, 1876, shows the very encouraging result of his labors for the first half year to be in the neighborhood of \$12,000. As his annual report will not be laid before the Council until its meeting in June next, we cannot present a detailed statement of donations received during this year. The agent, however, states that he is in the

way of securing some liberal donations and legacies as soon as the times will have become somewhat easier. With the fullest hopes for his success we recommend Prof. Kollen anew to the General Synod and the Church at large for the production of the work to which he has been appointed and to which he has given his utmost energy.

CONCLUSION.

As we review the whole past of the institution, and reflect upon the great things the Lord has done for us during the present year, we feel that we have every reason to thank God and take courage.

We submit our report to General Synod in the firm belief, that as the Lord has not failed us, in granting us in large measure the richer blessings of his Spirit, He will not fail us in providing for our material necessities; this being in accordance with the great principle of His government. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Respectfully submitted,

ABEL T. STEWART, *Secretary*.

For the action of Synod in reference to the report of the Council of Hope College, see Article XIV. Professorate.

The Special Committee to whom were referred the communications of Rev. Philip Phelps, and Rev. C. E. Crispell, presented their report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted, and is as follows:

The Special Committee to which were referred the papers relating to Hope College, would report as follows:

From the paper presented by President Phelps, who has been acting as Endowment Agent, it appears that about \$85,000 have been raised for the Institution. Of this sum about \$20,000 have been for incidental expenses, and about \$65,000 for the proper endowment.

It would seem that only about \$35,000 of this latter amount is productive of any revenue to the Institution, the remainder being represented by real estate and other assets, some of which cannot probably be recovered.

After much deliberation and careful study of all the facts to which we can find access, your Committee would recommend the following action :

1. *Resolved*, That as the President of the College has been acting as endowment agent under the Board of Direction, in closing the accounts of the Rev. Dr. Phelps, the Board of Direction be authorized to audit his account, and to pay what may be due to him from the Endowment Fund on account of expenses incurred in the work of the endowment.

2. *Resolved*, That Synod hereby revokes all its previous action in regard to procuring the endowment of Hope College, and hereby places the entire matter, including the appointment of Agent, the object for which endowment shall be sought, the investment of what may be obtained in the future, unless otherwise directed by the donor, and the disposal of the income arising from the same, in the Council, who shall make a yearly report of the progress of its work to General Synod for its approval.

3. *Resolved*, That the Synod reaffirm its action of 1875, directing the President of the College to hold the Council responsible for his salary, and that this action cover all arrearages due him.

4. *Resolved*, That the Council be requested to revise the Constitution of Hope College, and that they be especially enjoined to secure the utmost simplicity and clearness in defining its relations to Synod, the position of the Presidency, and the relation of the different departments to each other, and present their report to the next Synod.

5. *Resolved*, That in view of the present embarrassed condition of the finances of the College, the Council be directed for the present to suspend the Theological Department, and that this action restores the rights of the Classes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, to representation in the Board of Superintendents at New Brunswick.

6. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of General Synod be directed to pay to the Professor and Lectors of Hope College out of any funds in his hands, not otherwise appropriated, the amount now due, and that hereafter they be referred to the Council for the payment of their salaries.

7. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of General Synod be directed hereafter to pay the interest on the Endowment Fund of Hope College, directly to the Treasurer of Hope College.

8. *Resolved*, That the Board of Education be recommended to make such appropriations towards the salaries of the professors and teachers in Hope College as their funds may permit.

9. *Resolved*, That this Synod emphatically renews the expression of its hearty interest in Hope College, as an Institution fundamental to our Western work, and again commends the Council and its Endowment Agent as deserving of the most generous liberality of our entire denomination, in these efforts to secure the Endowment necessary to the success of its work.

10. *Resolved*, That the preceding resolutions, regarding Endowment, are not intended to touch the question of the Endowment of the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology, that matter being left according to previous instructions of Synod.

11. *Resolved*, That the Board of Direction be authorized to transfer the securities amounting to six thousand and nine hundred dollars, in Holland, Mich. and Mattoax, Va., designated as "Special Investments" in the (Council's) report of 1877, to the Council of Hope College.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. BEARDSLEE, *Chairman*.
PAUL D. VAN CLEEF,
WM. RANKIN DURYEE,
JOHN W. FERDON,
P. S. DANFORTH.

On the adoption of the 5th resolution, viz: Directing the Council to suspend the Theological Department, the ayes and nays were demanded, and are as follows:

Ayes.—John B. Church, V. M. Hulbert, W. H. Vroom, C. E. Lasher, J. L. Snyder, George R. Garretson, John M. Wagner, Lewis Francis, Alex. Shaw, C. L. Wells, John Lefferts, J. B. Brinsmade, J. Brownlee, Hasbrouck Du Bois, D. P. Ingraham, Henry Camerden, Jr., B. C. Lippincott, G. B. Bell, W. S. Brown, Thomas Jessup, D. W. Rappelye, J. B. Jones, Joseph A. Harper, Alphonso Wood, R. W. Clark, J. H. Pitcher,

Evert Van Slyke, Isaac S. Hartley, E. Adriance, G. S. Conover, James C. Garretson, J. B. Dysart, N. H. Van Arsdale, John B. Drury, Jacob W. Schenck, I. G. Ogden, S. W. Strong, Abm. Marshall, Wm. N. Randles, John C., Lowe, Robert Doig, Edward Cornet, P. S. Danforth, Peter P. Schell, C. Van Santvoord, Stephen Searle, P. Snyder, P. Freleigh, Jacob Van Der Meulen, Chr. Van Der Veen, Henry Uiterwyk, John W. Beard-slee, P. V. Van Buskirk, David V. Brower, A. J. Demarest, H. W. F. Jones, Wm. R. Duryee, John R. Romaine, James B. Wilson, Elias Mead, John A. Smock, John Dorrance, G. S. Luyster, Abm. M. Quick, Peter S. Duryee, Wm. H. Steele, Edward T. Corwin, Wm. H. Clark, G. M. S. Blauvelt, W. E. Bogardus, John W. Ferdon, Peter Board, Abm. Doremus, Andrew Hill, John Hart, Abm. J. Martine, A. W. Given, P. P. Dilts, Wm. H. Hoffman, Artemas Dean, J. H. Walker, A. P. Peeke, Henry Ward.—Total, 83.

Nays.—W. B. Merritt, A. R. Van Nest, James Anderson, M.D., S. B. Schieffelin, M. V. Schoonmaker, David Cole, W. H. De Rouville, J. H. Enders, Jacob Collier, P. De Bruyn, P. G. M. Bahler, G. Van Fleet, A. Mattice, Wm. W. Letson, Wm. H. Carr, W. G. E. See, Henry Brouwer, Evert Van Der Hart, Q. Huyser, H. O. Yntema, E. P. Livingston, J. S. Joralmon, J. A. De Spelder, J. Hoffman, John Muller, P. Lepeltak, Charles Parker, P. D. Van Cleef, Lewis Applegate, James Huyssoon, James Demarest, John N. Jansen, S. W. Roe, R. L. Schoonmaker, Philip Furbeck, George Seibert.—Total, 36.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The Committee on the Professorate presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully reports that the following papers have been placed in their hands for consideration:

I. The Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

We learn from this paper that the classes under instruction for the past year have been fully as large numerically as in the year previous, the Senior Class, numbering twelve, the Middle,

fifteen, and the Junior Class having thirteen members. Three other students have pursued a partial course. It is most gratifying to note the terms of commendation with which the Board marks the deportment of those preparing for the ministry. The examinations of the various classes were listened to with general satisfaction, and the Senior Class were recommended to the Professors for their certificates.

The Rev. L. H. Vandyck has held the position of Rector since August, 1876. Connected with the Report of the Board is the Eighth Annual Report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property. This was referred, entire, to the Synod, after being approved by the Board. We therefore call attention to various points presented in that paper.

This Board has been re-organized, in accordance with the resolution of General Synod, and has been classified. The term of Mr. William Bogardus will expire at this meeting of Synod.

In Peter Hertzog Hall, we learn that all the rooms allotted to students have been occupied, fifty-seven having availed themselves of the privilege. Thirty-five of this number were Theological Students. We are glad to learn that no serious case of sickness has occurred during the past year among the young men, and we can but feel that God's care of these lives which are precious to the Church, should be thankfully acknowledged.

The liberality of Mr. Gardner A. Sage, in paying the salary of the Librarian, and bearing all the current expenses for repairs, heating, &c., of the Gardner A. Sage Library, is noted, and the Synod can but again express its thanks to the generous donor whose interest in the prosperity of our institutions remains so constant. The appreciation with which the Library is regarded, is shown by an increase in the number of calls for books, that number being nearly one-third more than in any previous year.

The Gymnasium in James Suydam Hall has proved a benefit to many of the students. The Committee, while they have granted the use of the Gymnasium to some of the students of Rutgers College, feel that a resolution of the General Synod on this subject would give them an authority in the matter which they cannot otherwise assume.

But the last point of the Committee's report is one to which the attention of Synod is particularly called. It appears that there have been found "very serious, practical difficulties, growing out of present arrangements with regard to the occupancy of the dormitories in the Theological Hall." Trouble has arisen especially with some of the other occupants, who being in the College, and surrounded by associations of various kinds, are sometimes forgetful of that decorum which should mark the conduct of those whose lives are consecrated to the service of Christ, and who are looking forward to entering the holy ministry. The Committee have heard with sorrow some of the statements that have been brought to them. The Board of Superintendents have endorsed certain suggestions that the Standing Committee have made in regard to the matter, which your Committee would, though with some reluctance, present in the form of a resolution.

Lastly, it appears from the financial accounts appended to the report of the Standing Committee, that after an expenditure of about fifty-five hundred dollars for the various expenses of the Halls, the income of the endowments, supplemented by the liberality of Mr. Sage, has fully met the expense and left a balance of four hundred and seventy-five dollars.

In view of the facts presented, your Committee propose the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this General Synod empower the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, to extend to the students of Rutgers College such use of the Gymnasium in the James Suydam Hall, as the Committee may deem advisable.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod also, in order to remove various practical difficulties that have arisen in the matter of the government of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, empower the Standing Committee to refuse the use of the rooms to any student guilty of disorderly conduct.

3. *Resolved*, That Mr. William Bogardus be re-appointed to fill the present vacancy in the General Synod's Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick.

In connection with the reports above presented, various nominations from the Classes for vacancies in the Board of Su-

perintendents have been placed in the hands of your Committee. The Classes of Albany, Arcot, Bergen, Newark, Paramus and Saratoga, have omitted to make nominations, and in accordance with usage, the Committee on Nominations should have taken charge of the matter. As the Committee of Nominations have made their report, your Committee propose the following names for appointment as members of the Board :

Classis of Albany—Rev. D. K. Bartlett.

Classis of Arcot—Rev. Jacob Chamberlain.

Classis of Bergen—Rev. Theo. B. Romeyn.

Classis of Newark—Rev. Henry Vehslage.

Classis of Paramus—Rev. Goyñ Talmage.

Classis of Saratoga—Rev. Selah W. Strong.

As Elders at Large, from the Particular Synod of New York, to serve for three years: Elders D. P. Ingraham and Edward L. Beadle.

The following having been nominated by the respective Classes as members of the Board, it is recommended that these nominations be confirmed :

From South Classis of Bergen—Rev. Henry W. F. Jones.

From Classis of Greene—Rev. B. Van Zandt.

From Classis of Kingston—Rev. W. H. Vroom.

From South Classis of Long Island—Rev. Anson DuBois.

From Classis of New York—Rev. Wm. Ormiston.

From Classis of Monmouth—Rev. Theo. L. Wells.

From Classis of Montgomery—Rev. Geo. J. Van Neste.

From Classis of Schenectady—Rev. John A. De Baun.

From Classis of Schoharie—Rev. A. C. Millspaugh.

From Classis of Ulster—Rev. J. C. F. Hoes.

From Classis of Westchester—Rev. M. H. Hutton.

II. Your Committee have received the report of the Committee on the Library of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, acting in co-operation with the Professors.

The growth of the Library is something which must awaken the astonishment and appreciation of the Synod. More than three thousand volumes have been added to the books since the last report was made. The Synod would recognize the manifest care that has marked the selection, and the value to our whole Church of important printed matter, bearing on our

early history, which has been translated, wholly or in part, from the original Dutch.

The Committee make an important suggestion in regard to a Biblical Museum to be attached to the Seminary. The following action of Synod is hereby proposed.

Resolved, That the members of the Committee on Co-operation with the Professors on the Library of the Theological Seminary, be continued in their office for one year, and that power be hereby given them to establish a Biblical Museum, as proposed in their report. The Synod would commend the Committee and their labors to the attention of our whole Church, and thankfully acknowledge the gifts which have already added so much to the interest and value of the Library.

III. A letter from the Presbyterian Historical Society, established in Philadelphia for the purpose of founding a general Presbyterian Library, has been considered by your Committee. In response to the appeal for the contribution of works relating to our own denominational history and order, your Committee would commend the objects of the Society to the favorable notice of the Church, and would hereby authorize the Committee on our own Library to make such exchanges of duplicates as shall seem to them advisable.

IV. A letter from the Rev. Philip Peltz, in behalf of sundry members of the late Committee of Conference with the Presbyterian and German Reformed churches, has been referred to us for action. It is asked that authority be given to the Board of Direction to audit and pay the bills for traveling expenses incurred by these members in the performance of their duties. It certainly seems that such request should be granted. By the proper audit of such bills, the Board of Direction can secure the Church from any unwarranted expense, and as the General Synod appointed these members, it is only honorable that it should bear the cost of the work performed. We therefore recommend that the needed authority be granted to the Board of Direction, according to the terms of the request, and that this amount be raised by assessment on the Classes.

V. The Eleventh Annual Report of the Council of Hope College is one which brings to us mingled encouragement and sorrow. The death of Alburtus C. Van Raalte and of the Rev. Cornelius Van Der Meulen, which we noticed in this report,

has caused our whole Church to sorrow. We would unite with the Council in deploring the loss of two of the great promoters of our educational and religious interests in the West, men who had spent their whole strength for Christ and His people. They yet speak to us, and we would cherish their memories and pray for grace to follow their paths of consecration to the cause of Jesus, our Master, till, like them, we are called to the rest of God's redeemed.

In the Academic department of the College, we are glad to notice the fact that twenty-nine students have been under instruction, and that the Faculty bear willing testimony to the devotion to study which has been exhibited. Far more cheering is it to read that, as a result of a late religious interest, all of these students are now professed followers of the Saviour.

The report of the Preparatory Department also shows the large number of fifty-seven attendants on the classes, and tells of religious consecration as well as of intellectual earnestness. We rejoice to believe that the work of the College is thus owned and blessed of Him to whose glory the Institution, from its very beginning, was dedicated.

The Theological Department does not, to your Committee, present such encouraging features as could be desired in the matter of the number of students who are receiving their final training for the ministry. There are but two members in the Senior Class, and but two in the Middle Class, with four Juniors. But it rejoices us to mark the fact that these students have had a large share in promoting the religious interest which has been known in the College, and that they have, thus early, manifested a devotion and power which has been wonderfully successful, under the Holy Spirit, in the extension of the Master's kingdom.

In regard to the financial condition of the College, the only encouraging feature, it seems to your Committee, is the progress of the work of Endowment, through the personal application of Prof. Kollen, who has been laboring as the Financial Agent of the Council for about a year and a half.

We do not receive from the Digest of the financial condition of the College the clearest ideas, and would suggest that perhaps the statements might be rendered more definite. But this thing does appear. Over twenty-one thousand dollars of

debt are now pressing on the Council for payment, of which more than one-third are debts due to the President, Professors and teachers, and this does not include the sums due to the teachers in the Theological Seminary. In view of these facts, we would most earnestly commend the work of Prof. Kollen to the liberality of the members of the Church at large, and heartily ask for sympathy and aid for him, as he appeals to congregations or individuals. Beyond this, your Committee would bring to the notice of Synod the necessity which seems to press upon our whole Church for immediate action. We trust that either the work will be so limited, that the burden of debt shall no longer press upon the men who are now heroically sacrificing themselves to carry out the great plans which have heretofore been adopted, or that means may be provided before a disastrous collapse shall give a fatal check to our educational work in the West, for many years to come. We propose no measures, as we believe the whole matter, in regard to the finances, has been referred to a Special Committee. We only ask that the Church look at the matter with the attention it deserves, and, if any action can be devised, to take it at once.

WM. RANKIN DURYEE,
WM. H. STEELE,
H. UTERWYK,
D. P. INGRAHAM,
SAMUEL B. SCHIEFFELIN.

Three young men were recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers College for aid from the Van Benschoten Fund.

VEDDER LECTURE.

The Synod proceeded to elect a Vedder Lecturer for the year 1879. A nominating ballot was had on the seventh day, and on the following day, after special prayer, an election was held which resulted in the unanimous choice of Rev. Chester D. Hartranft, D.D.

The Committee of Co-operation with the Faculty in the Theological Library presented a report, which was accepted. (See Appendix).

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, in printed form, was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The Treasurer's Report was also received and referred.

The Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Treasurer's Report was also received and referred.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Standing Committee to whom was referred the Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit to the General Synod the following statements, and to offer the following resolutions :

The missionary operations of our Church embrace three principal fields—that of Amoy in China, that of Arcot in India, and that of Japan. The field of Amoy includes 3,000,000 souls, among whom are now 591 communicants, 63 of whom have been added during the last year on confession of faith.

For this field we have only two ordained missionaries, both of them worn out by their labors, and burdened with discouragement arising from the want of support. The field of Arcot includes a population of 4,000,000 souls, among whom we have 780 communicants and nearly 3,000 adherents. We have also a Seminary here, with 29 pupils, which has done excellent work, enjoys the confidence of all parties, and receives from the English Government an annual grant of three hundred Rupees. This Seminary is dying for the lack of a competent American teacher. The man is available, but no attempt has yet been made to send him. In this whole field we have to-day only three ordained missionaries, and the burdens rolled upon our dear devoted brother, the Rev. John Scudder, M.D., are already breaking down his naturally-strong constitution. The field of Japan shows a membership of 190, 42 of whom have been added during the year. Here we have a Seminary and a flourishing Theological Class, and enjoy an influential position. This mission imperatively needs reinforcement.

From this brief survey it will be seen at a glance what God has done for the Reformed (Dutch) Church in America. He has given her a foothold, not among the feeble and effeminate races of the Southern Seas, nor among the ignorant and besotted tribes of Western Africa, but He has planted her in the very centre of the Aryan and Oriental races, which have dominated Asia, and pushed emigration through the habitable world. We are at the sources of the metaphysics and philosophy and science of the East. God has sent our peculiar type of Calvinism, with its clear logic and its warm and genial heartsomeness, back to the home of the human family, and Jesus Christ, our heavenly Master, entrusting to us His commission and His charter, says to us, His children, the descendants of confessors and of martyrs, "Occupy till I come!"

What is our response to this commission and this charge? What is the condition of affairs to-day? With everything in our hands, with success assured, with conversions multiplied and congregations increasing, with the favor of foreign governments and their assistance, too, we are for throwing up the battle. We have already reduced our missionaries to a mere handful; we are discussing the advisability of abandoning our

hard-won victories, and are withholding our contributions to an extent which must fill the heart of every Christian, knowing to the facts, with sadness and with alarm.

Of \$58,000 contributed last year, only \$24,000 came from the Churches. Out of 478 Churches, 137, more than one-quarter of the whole number, contributed not one cent ; of the remainder, 126 contributed less than \$25.

Eleven whole Classes give less than the Amoy Mission gives, where native Christians labor for twelve cents per day.

The Reformed (Dutch) Church, proportionally, is perhaps the richest Church in America, and this is her record : Missions are calling for men ; men are waiting to go ; strongholds are being abandoned for want of equipment, and we, with money in our coffers, worshiping in splendid churches and surrounded with superfluous luxuries, refuse to see the situation—refuse to hear the agonized, importunate appeal—refuse to yield to that great law of reciprocity and obligation, “ Freely ye have received, freely give.”

What are some of the causes of this deplorable state of affairs ?

One is declension in spirituality and consecration to Christ. We do not feel as our fathers felt upon this subject. We do not feel the soul-constraining power of Jesus’ blood. We do not look upon ourselves as witnesses, as stewards of the mysteries of grace, as debtors unto all men, as bound to preach the Gospel, either in our persons or by proxy, to every creature, while yet a single heathen soul remains upon the earth.

Another thing : We are not impressed as we should be with the fact that the heathen are lost without Christ ; that they are without God and without hope in the world, and that the name of Jesus is the only one under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

Another reason seems to us more immediate and serious. Desiring, conscientiously and prayerfully, to reach the root of the difficulty, we find from conversation with ministers and others an apparent want of harmony among the churches with reference to the Board. Whether this want of harmony exists in fact or in imagination remains for the Synod to decide. If it exists in imagination only, then we recommend that the Synod again commend the Board to the confidence of the Church.

Bringing these things to the attention of the Synod, your Committee would therefore offer the following resolutions :

1. That the Board of Foreign Missions enjoys the full confidence of this General Synod, and is again and heartily commended to the prayers and the support of the Churches under its care.

2. That the Woman's Board of our Reformed Church is doing a most noble and most valuable work, and deserves the sympathy and assistance of all our ministers and Consistories.

3. That this General Synod recommends the Board of Missions at once to take action to secure a proper teacher for the Theological Seminary at Vellore.

4. That the Monthly Concert of Prayer, with its monthly collection, should be revived in places where it has fallen into desuetude, with spiritual devotion and earnestness in all our Churches, and that we solemnly determine to take God at His word and to put Him to the proof when He says : "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

5. *Resolved*, That each Classis be recommended to appoint a Standing Committee, whose special duty it shall be to push the interests of this cause by holding lively missionary meetings in connection with the various Churches, and otherwise providing for the dissemination of effective literature on the subject.

May God revive among us the spirit of Foreign Missions, and reflexively revive our Churches and our hearts, for Jesus', His dear Son, our Blessed Saviour's sake. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. BISHOP, *Chairman*.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Committee on Domestic Missions presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Domestic Missions and Church Building Fund have had referred to them the Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions, the Report of a Special

Committee on Colored Evangelization in the South, appointed by the last General Synod, and a memorial from the Classis of Holland, adopted by and forwarded to us through the Particular Synod of Chicago, asking for certain modifications in our Board of Domestic Missions and its plan of working, with a view to advance the interests of our Church in the West. Upon these three matters of reference we respectfully report as follows :

1. THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD.

This Report is one of very unusual interest. It ought to fill the Synod with delight, and stir the Church at large to profound gratitude and to fresh zeal in her missionary work. The last year was distinguished above any preceding year for wide outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Mission Churches, and for very large ingathering of precious souls. Fourteen of these churches in the West, and five in the East, had rich experiences, and gathered large fruitage for the Lord. In some places the work was of such extent and power as "entirely to change the character of the communities in which it occurred." And the report states that the "refreshing is manifest in every part" of the work of the Board. The year increased the number of families in our Home Mission Churches by 674, and the number of members by 1,183, over and above all losses by dismissions and deaths. The number of members received upon profession was, in all, 1,193, of whom 358 were from the Sabbath-schools, the former number being nearly double, and the latter more than double the corresponding number of the last report. One Sabbath-school had 80, another 43, and several others from 16 to 30 conversions. We are not surprised that these returns have aroused our Board to unusual gratitude and hope. They refer to the action of the last Synod appointing a day of special thanksgiving to God for His grace to the Mission Churches, of prayer for the Divine blessing on our Home Mission work, and of substantial thank-offerings for the Mission treasury, and earnestly ask, "Why shall not the *Home Mission Day* become an institution in the Church?" A special reason for urging this question appears forthwith in the report, in the statement that want of means has almost wholly prevented the Board from extending its work into new fields.

The encouragement to extend is very great, if the means could but be had. But two new churches have been added during the year, and to one of these seventy-two members upon profession have already been given. The field is opening in every direction, and inviting and calling for laborers and toil, and yet, with the means at command, it is difficult at times to manage the work already in operation. Openings bright and encouraging in themselves become, for lack of money, daily more and more a trial to the Board. In this connection, however, grateful mention is made of remarkable providences by which we have been assisted in the past. While the contributions from churches, individuals and Sabbath-schools have not kept pace with the growth of the work, providentially the legacies just now paid in, \$14,266.34 in amount, saved the Board on Domestic Missions account, bringing it to April 30, 1877, with a balance in hand above all indebtedness of \$4,258.82. But inasmuch as this Board also carries the Church Building Fund, and supplements the latter from its own resources (though the accounts are kept separately), the apparent balance on favor of the Domestic Missions account is swept away, and on the joint account there is, above all income, an indebtedness of about \$250. The operations of the Board are conducted with all practicable economy. A reduction of one-tenth has been made, at his own suggestion, in the salary of the Corresponding Secretary. Relief and help have been afforded from the Church Building Fund to several feeble churches, in connection with debts and with repairs and building. This Fund is, however, tryingly inadequate to the demands made upon it. With respect to both Funds, earnest appeal is made to the Church at large for greater liberality. We must all see that the calls that press upon us are answers to our own earnest prayers. Nor can we be blind to the fact that our Home Mission work has an influence wider than our own land. As it meets the vast tide of immigration with its evangelic instrumentalities, it acts indirectly on the great outlying world besides. We cannot abate our zeal in our *foreign* work. The Master's command is our law for that. But every year deepens our sense of the vast bearing of our *home* work. Through the material it reaches it deals with every nation and tribe and tongue. But its value to our own land especially

cannot be overrated. While it operates through Churches and Sabbath-schools, and by preaching and other appointed means of grace, it really plays upon and affects our whole social, educational, political and commercial life. It forms the moral character of our people. Money devoted to it tells more upon our protection and safety than do all the revenues compulsorily raised for the maintenance of our courts, our prisons, our institutions of reform, and our police. We ought to see this, and to carry our Home Mission Board on our hearts and our prayers. And we ought to pour into its treasury, without stint, the contributions of our substance on this very account. But a higher motive still to the large, free-hearted giving that is asked is *this*: That we are not our own. We are bought with a price. What shall we do to testify our gratitude to Him who "gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works?" This is the question for us all. The Holy Spirit press it home upon our consciences and hearts. ! Then will our liberality be not constrained, but free, and we shall need no urging to increase our offerings to the Lord.

In view of the Report and its suggestions, your Committee recommend the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the Divine Blessing upon the work of this Board during the past year, in manifest answer to prayer, calls for our profound gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, and presents to us the greatest encouragment to go forward with what we already have in hand, and to widen, as rapidly as possible, the field of our operations.

2. *Resolved*, That with increased earnestness we again commend this Board, and the Church Building Fund, for larger offerings in testimony of our thankfulness for the past, and of our willingness and eagerness to enter every opened door, and put forth all our energy for the building up of the kingdom of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

3. *Resolved*, That a special collection for the Funds of this Board be taken up throughout the Churches on the second Sabbath of October, or as near that time as possible, and also that collections for Missions be taken up on the first Sabbath of each month, when this does not conflict with the order of collections already adopted by any individual Church.

II. THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The General Synod of 1875 entered into an agreement with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that actual co-operation should be begun between the two bodies in the work of colored evangelization in the South. (See Minutes of 1875, page 256.) In pursuance of this agreement, Rev. Dr. Plumer, delegate from the Southern General Assembly to the General Synod of last year, and Rev. Henry B. Blake, a Southern Evangelist, addressed the Synod in behalf of the education of preachers among the colored people of the South. The result was the passage of certain preambles and resolutions, printed on pages 450 and 451 of the last Minutes. The General Synod having been advised that the Assembly had resolved to establish a school in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for the training up of colored preachers, and that the Rev. Henry B. Blake was ready to undertake evangelizing work among the freedmen in North Carolina, and was the right man for this work, resolved that, in its judgment, "the sum of \$2,500 should be raised by our Church during the next synodical year, in aid of the foregoing objects," and that the money, when collected, should be forwarded to the Rev. Richard McIlwaine, Treasurer of the Southern Assembly's Committee of Sustentation, at Baltimore. Rev. David Inglis, Rev. William C. Handy, and Elder John Hopkins were appointed "to take this matter in charge, and endeavor by all proper means to accomplish this object." This special Committee report that, owing to unexpected difficulties, they have not been able to secure from Rev. Mr. Blake the service contemplated by the Synod, and have, therefore, not attempted to raise that portion of the \$2,500 which was designed to pay his salary and expenses. They hoped Rev. Mr. Blake would be present in this Synod, and that the difficulties in their way might be here stated. In his absence, however, they do not feel at liberty to present a one-sided view of the case. Four hundred dollars were really raised by the Committee, and forwarded to the Tuscaloosa school. The Committee feel that they can do no more, and ask to be discharged. In view of their report, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. That the Special Committee of 1876 be discharged.
2. That we commend the school at Tuscaloosa and the support of preachers among the freedmen, to our churches for hearty sympathy and liberal contributions, reminding them of the agreement between General Synod and the General Assembly for co-operation in the work of colored evangelization in the South.
3. That all funds contributed for this object be paid over to the Treasurer of our Board of Domestic Missions, and by him forwarded at once to the Treasurer of the Committee of Sustentation, at Baltimore.

III. THE MEMORIAL OF THE CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.

On pages 54 and 55 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, we find a communication from the Classis of Holland, proposing certain modifications of our Board of Domestic Missions, for its better adaptation to the needs of our Church at the West. The Synod of Chicago approved the modifications proposed by the Classis, and have sent the plan to this body, with recommendation for its adoption. The points are as follows :

1. Six additional members of the Board of Domestic Missions shall be chosen this year by the General Synod from the Classes of the so-called Western Churches : one-third of these to serve for one, two and three years, respectively ; after this year two to be annually chosen by the General Synod in the customary manner from a double number nominated by the Particular Synod of Chicago.

2. These six members, with the Corresponding Secretary of the Board as *ex-officio* member, shall constitute and be known as Western Executive Committee of the Board. Four members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

3. The officers of this Committee, to be elected annually, shall be a President, who shall also be its Corresponding Secretary, and a Recording Secretary. They shall serve without pay, but necessary traveling expenses and incidental expenses, as also expenses connected with sessions of the Committee, shall be allowed by the Board as recommended by the Committee.

4. The Committee shall meet quarterly, at such times and places as may be appointed by them upon consultation with the Board.

5. They shall be charged with the management of the Missions and Church Extension work in the field west of the territory occupied by the Classis of Geneva, under the same regulations which govern the Executive Committee of the Board.

6. The members of this Committee shall not be required to attend the meetings of the Board in New York, but they may at their discretion appoint one of their number to attend the meeting of the Board in April, who shall then be privileged (as proxy) to cast the full number of six (6) votes in all matters upon which he shall have been instructed to vote by the Committee.

7. All the actions of this Executive Committee shall be revised and passed upon by the Board; but no action taken by the unanimous vote of this Committee shall be annulled by the Board, except by a vote of the majority of all the members of the Board.

In regard to the proposed plan, your Committee have not only thought much, but have consulted the views of many brethren in the Synod. The fact of the proposition itself indicates a felt want in the West, and this we should be very glad to meet if we could. It does not seem to us, however, practicable to carry out the plan proposed, and we find, upon consultation, that our judgment is sustained by men who have had large experience in the operations of this and other Boards. We here recall, too, that the last General Synod recommended to the Board of Domestic Missions to appoint one or more Superintendents of Mission work in the West. And we have learned that the Board has taken a first step under that recommendation, and appointed Rev. Dr. Charles Scott a Superintendent of this work for the State of Michigan. This appointment, we are told, will be followed by other similar appointments as rapidly as means are furnished. In view of all this, your Committee judge that no further action is called for just now, and recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That on the ground of the facts stated in this report, we deem it impracticable to adopt the plan proposed in the communication from the Classis of Holland.

DAVID COLE, *Chairman*.

The following persons were chosen to fill vacancies in the Board of Foreign Missions :

Rev. Henry N. Cobb,	Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D.D.
“ A. P. Van Gieson, D.D.	Mr. Garret I. Blauvelt,
“ T. W. Chambers, D.D.	“ James A. Williamson,
“ John Forsyth, D.D.	“ Jacob L. Sutphen.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Domestic Missions :

Rev. Wm Ormiston, D.D.	Rev. William H. Gleason,
“ Charles I. Shepard,	Mr. S. R. W. Heath,
“ Oliver E. Cobb,	“ S. B. Stewart,
“ Goyñ Talmage, D.D.	“ Henry D. Van Orden.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' AND DISABLED MINISTERS' FUNDS.

The Committee on the Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

Report of Committee on Widows' and Disabled Ministers' Funds :

The usual documents containing the details of the two separate Funds were placed in the hands of your Committee. These having been previously examined by vouchers, and found correct, your Committee would express their hearty approval of the clear and satisfactory manner in which the Treasurer's accounts are kept.

Widows' Fund :

Total amount of funds now invested.....	\$46,919 14
An increase the past year of	1,559 01
Paid to annuitants.....	2,537 46
Paid the past year to annuitants entitled to full annuity.....	178 25

Disabled Ministers' Fund:

Total amount of invested funds.....	\$18,750
Increase past year by Legacy of Alida Pruyn.....	500
Paid out of Income of the Fund.....	4,475

Further details may be found in the Report of the Board of Direction, in the printed Minutes of General Synod.

The growing interest in behalf of these Funds, on the part of ministers and churches, is a matter of rejoicing. These Boards ought to enlist universal sympathy, and call forth contributions from all the churches.

What is more needful than for the Church to make provision for those who have devoted their lives to her interests?

Nothing would do more more to enlist the services of young men, whose attention is turned toward the ministry, than to know that in case of sickness or disability, or death, they and their families would be cared for; and nothing would tend more to cheer and comfort the hearts of those who are in the ministry, than to feel that provision is made for them and their families in a time of need.

This is the best policy of Life Insurance; ergo,

Resolved, That the claims of these separate Boards be pressed upon the attention of members of Synod, and that pastors of churches be requested to lay the matter before their respective Consistories.

Your Committee would suggest the importance of great caution on the part of Classes, in the recommendation of applicants to these funds.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. V. SCHOONMAKER,
E. VAN DER HART,
A. M. QUICK,
GARRETT VAN FLEET,
JOSEPH LAWSON.

ARTICLE XX.

P U B L I C A T I O N .

The Twenty-third Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication, except so much as relates to vacancies, which was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was also received, and referred to the same Committee.

The Committee on the Board of Publication presented the following Report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication, beg leave to present the following report :

Your Committee have had referred to them,

1. The Annual Report of the Board of Publication, and
2. A translation of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in America, into the Holland language, with a request from the churches of our denomination using that language, that it be published.

In connection with the Report of the Board of Publication, your Committee makes note, with pleasure, of the following facts:

1. That there has been a reduction of expenses in the conduct of the affairs of the Board during the year that is past.

2. That there has been a noticeable advance in the amount of their sales.

3. That in tabulating their assets, the Board have wisely reduced the valuation of their stereotype plates, wood cuts, and depository furniture, &c., so that the assets as now given, may be supposed to represent the money value, rather than the original cost of those articles, and thus enable the Synod and the Church to understand the real financial condition of the Board, which your Committee consider to be thoroughly satisfactory.

Your Committee has also learned with pleasure, that the Board are endeavoring to effect a further reduction in their running expenses, in order to bring them down to the lowest effective limit. These expenses are now less than \$3,000 per year. Your Committee would recommend the Board to consider whether it is not practicable to combine the office of Treasurer with that of Bookkeeper, and thus effect a further saving.

It seems to your Committee that the Board have so earnestly and wisely endeavored to carry out the wishes and action of the General Synod, in matters where there had been a difference of opinion and many complaints, that they are entitled to, and

ought to receive the warm approbation and confidence, and support of the Synod and the Church.

Your Committee would call attention to the following clause in the Report of the Board. (P. 3.)

“ We have our arrangement now so complete for the accommodation of those who may favor us with their patronage, that clergymen and laymen can have their wishes fully met in regard to any book, American or Foreign, at the regular discount prices, and at the shortest possible notice. May we not then ask the Synod to recommend to all our churches the sustentation of its own Board as a duty to the denomination, no less than as a facility excelled by no other for their accommodation as aforesaid ? We surely may ask our Churches to stand by us and not to deal with strangers, when they can be as easily, as readily, and as cheaply served as by any other agency of a similar kind in this City of New York or elsewhere. We need their support, and promise to make it their interest to give it.”

This seems to your Committee eminently just. Our Board of Publication is not a voluntary association extorting from the General Synod an unwilling endorsement. It is a body of the Synod's own creation. If the Synod lays its hand on these brethren, and appoints them to do this work, the least the Church can do is to heartily sustain them in the performance of their work.

The Board, through their efficient Business Agent, is able to serve all our ministers, our churches, and our Sabbath-schools, in their purchases of books, fully as well as they can be served by other booksellers. Why then should not the Church support its own Board in this way, and thus strengthen their hands for their benevolent work ?

Your Committee would recommend the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be, and hereby is heartily commended to the confidence and support of all our churches.

Resolved, That our churches be earnestly requested to support the Synod's Board of Publication, both by contributions to aid in its benevolent department, and by throwing their patronage, as far as practicable, in the purchase of books into the hands of the Board.

With reference to the translation of the Constitution of the Church into the Holland language.

Your Committee would remark :

1. That, at their request, one of their number, Rev. James Huyssoon, has critically examined it, and finds it to be a careful and exact translation.

2. That it seems to your Committee of no small importance that those consistories in our Church, who understand only the Holland language, should have the Constitution of the Church in their hands, in that language.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the publication of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the Holland language, be referred to the Board of Publication with power.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB CHAMBERLAIN,
BENJ. C. LIPPINCOTT,
JAMES HUYSSOON,
JOHN DORRANCE.

The following persons were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Publication :

Rev. W. R. Gordon, D.D.,	Mr. Maurice E. Viele,
“ W. H. Clark,	“ William F. Jobbins,
“ G. S. Bishop,	“ David Bingham,
“ J. W. Geyer,	“ Isaac M. Dederer.

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod to prepare a critical edition of the Heidelberg Catechism reported as follows. Their report was accepted, and the Committee continued :

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Synod “to prepare a critical edition of the Heidelberg Catechism, and report to the next General Synod,” respectfully report :

The first meeting of the Committee was held at the house of Dr. James Anderson, in the City of New York, November 14, 1876. All the members were present, except the Rev. Dr.

Welch, who resigned by letter his place on the Committee, on account of his changed church relations. A cordial invitation was extended to Dr. Anderson to attend the meetings, and it is proper to add that Dr. Anderson has aided, in many ways, the work of the Committee, especially by the gift of the following books to each member :

1. A copy of the reprint of the first edition of the Catechism, which was discovered in 1864 in the Library of Utrecht, Holland.

2. Der Heidelberger Katechismus zergleidert und aus der Heiligen Schrift bewährt von Dr. J. F. A. Gillet, Pastor in Breslau. Breslau, 1857.

3. Der Heidelberger Katechismus nach der ersten Ausgabe von 1563, revidirt und mit Kriteschen Aumerkungen, sorvie einer Geschichte und Charakteristik des Katechismus versehen, von Dr. Philip Schaff, Professor der Theologie. Philadelphia, 1866.

4. The Heidelberg Catechism in Hollandish. Printed at Holland, Michigan, 1866.

At this first meeting the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee consider the work committed to it by the General Synod to be a purely literary labor.

After discussing various historical points, the methods of translation, &c., &c., the following resolutions were adopted :

1. That the third edition, as published at Heidelberg in 1563, shall be the critical basis of the work proposed.

2. The work shall comprehend an English version of the Catechism, and this shall preserve, as far as possible, the style and tone of the version now found in our standards.

3. That the Rev. Dr. Hartranft be requested to prepare a historical statement in reference to the text and versions of the Catechism, to form an introduction to this English version.

4. That the Rev. Dr. Chambers be requested to prepare a brief history of the "Compendium of the Christian Religion."

The Committee have, since their first meeting, met regularly on the second Saturday of each consecutive month, and have thus held five working sessions, each of them from three to four hours in length.

In the prosecution of the work the Seventy-third Question of the Catechism has been reached ; and if God spares life and prospers the work the completed labors of the Committee will be laid before General Synod at the session of 1878.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. CAMPBELL,	} <i>Committee.</i>
T. W. CHAMBERS,	
C. D. HARTRANFT,	
WILLIAM R. DURYEE,	

New York, June 6, 1877.

A Committee, consisting of Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., Rev. Herman C. Berg, and James Anderson, M.D., was appointed to prepare a series of simplified questions and answers under each Lord's Day of the Heidelberg Catechism, for the greater facility of imparting instruction to the children and youth of families and of Sabbath-schools, employing, as far as possible, the language of the text, and in no case departing from the accepted teachings of the Catechism, the Committee to report the result of their labors to the Synod before the work is published.

Resolved, That in view of the legislation during many years upon the subject of explaining or preaching upon the Heidelberg Catechism, a Committee be appointed to examine into the origin, history, practice, and Synodical legislation pertaining to this matter, and to report to the next session of the General Synod.

The following were appointed said Committee : Revs. E. T. Corwin, A. R. Van Nest, W. J. R. Taylor, and Edward P. Livingston, and Elders James Anderson, M.D., John W. Ferdon, and G. C. Churchill.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The Van Benschoten bequest was read.

The Synod fixed the hours of meeting and adjournment as follows : Of meeting at 9 A. M. and 3 P. M., and of adjournment at 12½ and 5½ P. M., evening sessions to begin at 7¾ o'clock.

Revs. David Cole and William B. Merritt and Elder Samuel B. Schieffelin were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Revs. William B. Merritt and Hasbrouck Du Bois and Elder T. L. Mason were appointed a Committee on Supplies for the Sabbath.

The remainder of the afternoon, after the organization of Synod, and the first half-hour of each succeeding day, were spent in devotional exercises.

On the afternoon of the second day the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The Adessor conducted the services and read the form. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. R. Duryee. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Beardslee. The bread was distributed by Rev. C. Van Der Veen, and the cup by Rev. V. M. Hulbert. Elders D. P. Ingraham, Henry Camerden, Jr., Theodore L. Mason, Walter Brett, P. S. Danforth, and John Lefferts assisted in the distribution.

The Chairman of the Committee, appointed by the last General Synod, on the subject of the taxation of church property reported that he had been unable to secure a meeting of the Committee, and requested that the Committee be discharged. The request was granted.

The following report was received from the Committee of the last General Synod appointed to procure the printing and publishing of the Centennial Discourses, together with a copy of the Second Edition, the first being exhausted.

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod (p. 553) to procure the printing and publishing of the Centennial Discourses, delivered during the year 1876, by order of the General Synod of 1875, beg leave respectfully to report as follows:

A number of subscriptions having been received from liberal friends of the Church, the work was put to press in September last, and was issued early in the present year. A copy is herewith presented to the Synod. The value of the volume was increased by the addition of the Latin Inaugural Discourse of the Rev. Dr. Livingston, supposed to have been the first Professor of Theology formally constituted in this country. The book was generally welcomed by the people of our own Church, and has attracted favorable notice from the journals of sister churches. The entire first edition (750 copies), has been dis-

posed of, and although the price was low for a copyright work of this size and character, the expenses of the undertaking have been nearly or altogether met. A second edition has just been issued, in which several typographical errors have been corrected, and in place of the Latin Inaugural, a copious index has been substituted.

The Committee congratulate the Synod that a volume containing so much fresh and valuable matter pertaining to the history, character, standards, formularies, spirit, aims, and prospects of our beloved Church, has been rendered easily and generally accessible. And they anticipate the best results from its general diffusion among the ministry and laity of the denomination.

T. W. CHAMBERS,
E. T. CORWIN,
JAMES ANDERSON.

This report was accepted, and the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod accept with pleasure the volume presented, and that it be placed in the Library of Hope College.

Resolved, That the Committee be now tendered the thanks of this body for their acceptable services, and with special recognition of the intelligent and laborious activity of Dr. James Anderson, who has added this to his other claims upon the gratitude of the Church, and that the same Committee be continued.

It was *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to put such reports, as in his judgment should be so placed, in an Appendix to the printed Minutes.

A Special Committee was appointed to prepare resolutions on the subject of Temperance, consisting of Rev. C. L. Wells, Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale, and Elder John Lefferts.

The following were reported and adopted:

The Special Committee appointed to prepare a minute expressing the sense of this Synod regarding "the revival of the Temperance cause," report the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod heartily approve the great movements now in progress in various sections of our country, that have for their object the advancement of the Temperance cause.

2. That while we desire to place no restraint upon Christian liberty, or impose an unscriptural burden on the conscience of any one, we do most affectionately urge upon professing Christians in the present aspect of the Temperance question, to seriously consider the obligation of total abstinence from all intoxicants, so that the full weight of their influence may be upon the side of purity, good order and Christian morals.

3. That we urge upon our churches and consistories constant faithfulness, in the exercise of Christian discipline against offenders in the Church, who not only in the excesses of drunkenness, but by the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, and also in the renting of property for the purposes of this nefarious traffic dishonor Christ.

4. That we bid a hearty God speed to the efforts now in progress in the cities of New York and Brooklyn, and Philadelphia, for the "suppression of tippling houses," and to "secure the enforcement of our present laws regulating the liquor traffic.

5. *Resolved*, That the clerks of the several Classes of our Church, be directed to call the attention of the ministers and consistories of their respective Classes to these resolutions, and to urge them to bring them to the notice of the members of their churches, and to secure as generally as possible compliance with their recommendations.

C. L. WELLS, *Chairman*.

It was

Resolved, That the Synod regard with great favor the Christian Intelligencer, as at present conducted, and cordially commend it to our ministers and people, as an important agency in advancing the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and upholding the faith and polity which we all hold dear.

The following resolutions were offered and laid on the table:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this Synod to report to the next General Synod, upon the expediency of holding biennial instead of annual meetings of this body.

Resolved, That in addition to the other assessments, a special assessment of two cents per member be laid upon the several churches, to provide a fund for defraying the expenses of the meeting of General Synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

A sermon on behalf of the benevolent operations of the Church was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session, by Rev. J. Howard Suydam, from Second Corinthians, 8: 9—"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Rev. John A. De Baun was chosen Primarius, and Rev. William B. Voorhees, Secundus, to preach the sermon on Benevolence before the next General Synod.

Rev. J. B. Pinney, D.D., former Governor of Liberia, addressed the Synod on the educational interests of that Republic.

Rev. J. B. Adger, D.D., and Rev. Richard McIlwaine, D.D., were heard in relation to the religious interests of the colored people of the South, after which the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard, with much interest, the statements of Rev. Dr. Adger and Rev. R. McIlwaine, D.D., regarding the work of the Presbyterian Church, South, in the evangelization and education of the colored people, and would express deep sympathy with their work, and commend the matter to our Boards of Education and Domestic Missions, for their co-operation.

Resolved, That the Rev. Christian Van Der Veen be requested to preach a sermon before the next General Synod, on the character and needs of our Western missionary work.

On the evening of the seventh day, the Synod met in convention on behalf of Foreign Missions. Rev. W. H. Steele, President of the Board, presided, and made some introductory remarks, when addresses were delivered by Mr. Edward Warren Clark, Rev. E. C. Scudder, Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, and Rev. Jared W. Scudder.

On the morning of the eighth day, after the devotional exercises, contributions and pledges were received from members of the Synod and others, on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, with a special view of reducing the debt of the Board, amounting in all to the sum of \$5,250.

The Synod, by vote, requested the President to prepare for the *Christian Intelligencer* and the *Sower* an earnest appeal on behalf of the cause of Foreign Missions.

It was

Resolved, That this Synod sympathizes in the work of evangelization in Italy, and commends the interests, especially of the Free Italian Churches, to the support of our people.

T A B U L A R S T A T E M E N T

Of the Contributions made during the year ending April 30th, 1877, by the several Churches, to the (denominational) Boards and Funds recommended by General Synod, each sum comprising the total amount received from each Church, whether by church collections or otherwise.

[See Synod's Proceedings, June, 1862, p. 212.]

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Albany.							
First Albany	200	546	1482 10	100			100
Second Albany	72 08	342 88	214 96				58 21
Third Albany		27 29	23 81				
Fourth Albany	7	7	16 60				
Holland Albany							
Second Berne		6 50	6 41	4 05			
First Bethlehem	27 76	34 25	67 70				
Second Bethlehem	15 13	36 81	23 10	20			
Clarksville							
Coeymans	17 50	27 72	18 62	4 40			
Jerusalem	3 27	9 58	6 23	2 80		5 76	11 55
Knox		10	10	7 50			
New Baltimore	4 93	14 40	175 99	8 88			
New Salem	8	8	32				
Onisquethaw							
Union							
Westerlo		14	13 50				
Classis of Bergen.							
English Neighborhood		10 45	49		20	10	19
First Hackensack	100	275	959	14 36			10
Schraalenberg		30	30 70	20			36 27
New Durham		13 89	69 43				7 37
First Hoboken	2		17 02	1 35			
Third Jersey City				25 50	26 97		
North Bergen			10				
Second Hackensack			19 35				
German, Hoboken							
German, Hackensack		12		3			5
Closter City		37 60	50				10
Palisades							
Guttenberg							
Central Ave. J. C. Heights		3 65	5 40	5 02			
Fort Lee							
Cherry Hill		11 60	6 74				2 30
So. Classis of Bergen.							
Bergen	34 02	123 94	754 74	56 58			121 82
First Jersey City							
First Bayonne	23 54	28 37	34 82				10
First Van Vorst	16 75	147 03	241 25	9 27			17 76
Bergen Point							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
So. Classis of Bergen.							
CONTINUED.							
Second Hudson City	3 20	32 37	21 37	11 43			
Lafayette	20	190 74	262 65	20	10	10	22
West End							
Greenville							
Free Jersey City		13 95	12				
Third Bayonne		5					
South Bergen	5 85	61 10	70 86	11 35	2 50	2 50	6 13
Classis of Cayuga.							
Canastota							
Chittenango	15 65	61 55	73 89	7 07			16 74
Cicero							
Lysander							
Naumburg							
New Bremen							
Owasco		11					8
Owasco Outlet	3			1 85			2 50
Syracuse		18 55	156 07			5 16	15
Thousand Isles		56 22					
Utica	66 46	983 11	750 48	123 66		54 79	
West Leyden		3 80	4				
Classis of Grand River.							
Detroit							
Fremont Centre							
1st Grand Haven	55 65		12 40				
2d Grand Haven	16 50		26 50				
2d Grand Rapids	198 27	40	229 30				
3d Grand Rapids	48 27	10	4 75				
4th Grand Rapids	23 27	10	10				
Grandville	30 38	23 38	16 20				30
Kalamazoo	169 70	34 50	80 08				
Muskegon	62		52 75				26 25
Polkton	6 35	12	10				
South Haven							
Spring Lake	41 22	8	42 73	6 36			6
Twin Lakes	7						
Montague			12				
Classis of Geneva.							
Arcadia							
Buffalo		6 35					
Cato	5	11	5				
Caroline							
Clymer	10 50	4	18 40				8
Clymer Village		16	4 50				
Dunkirk	6 07	6 08	6 07				
East Williamson	47 30						10
Fair Haven	10 25	10 35	34 10	10			
Farmer Village		22 27	27 36				
Geneva	37 69	53	36 72	25 12		10 90	14 16
Ithaca							
Lodi	15 50	40	60	8		6 80	10
Marion	9 10		8				10
Mina Corners	1 40	13 27	1 04	1 01	74	70	4 77
Pultneyville	5		8				
Rochester	50 75		182 60				
Tyre	5	35 50	39 75				5 75

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Greene.							
First Athens		49	42 10	1			12 50
Second Athens							
Catskill	43		5				
First Coxsackie	10	15	25 50				
Second Coxsackie	5 27	80	59 17	3 39			
Kiskatom	8 07	10	19				
Leeds		22	23 21		20		10
Moresville and Gilboa							
Prattsville	4 06		8 25				
Roxbury	10 02	15	15	12 75			
Classis of Holland.							
Beaverdam	34 05	16	49 55				6
Cleveland			25 95				
Drenthe	33 95	8 75	60 35				
Ebenezer	58 68	11	48 34				
Fynaart	26		3 15				2 50
Graafschap	9 75	8	35 59				
1st Holland	122 73		155 19				25 05
3d Holland	42 65	10	44 88	6 75			
Jamestown	21 91	15 66	50				
North Holland			57 39				18
Overyssel	144 27	16 40	39 75	18 14			
East Overyssel	5						
Rotterdam	9						
Saugatuck		10	7	7			
Vriesland	116 51	18 05	158 36	5 90			
Zabriskie							
Zeeland	218 70	52	332 60				
Classis of Hudson.							
Hudson	61	379 77	581 65		41 56	21 56	45
First Claverack	5 30	11	199 79				10
Second Claverack	20 18	15 40	68 67		26 60	3 55	
Linlithgow		18		9			
Greenport			145				
Germanstown	7 55	16 75	41 95	7 10	6 13		15
Upper Red Hook	18 90	24 09	44 66	11 73			
Taghkanic			10				
Gallatin		30 11	80 18				
Livingston of Linlithgo		4 50	2 25				
Classis of Illinois.							
Fairview	21 20		148 07				12 40
First Pekin							
Spring Lake		45	3				
Karitan	10		6	2			9
Bushnell	2 50	9	52		2	8	122 42
Davenport							
First Pella	18 25	14 60	30		20	10	
Havana		1 50					
Second Pella	6 67		8 14			4 59	24 70
Bethel		17	23				
Leyden Centre		11					
Third Pella							
Fourth Pella							
Am. Ref., Chicago							
Otley							
Orange City		8 18					10 57
Norris		5	10 50	2 10			
Norwood Park		18 55					

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Illinois.							
CONTINUED.							
Somerset		12 20					
Irving Park		20 93	20 95				
Parkersburg							
Second Pekin							
Mont Clare		9					
Classis of Kingston.							
Bloomington		5 43					
The Clove	38 42	39 66	60 38	17 40	5 19	5 19	2
Dashville Falls	1 76	2 45	2 59	2 45			
Guilford	15 25	11	8 74	4			
Hurley	11 10	41 60	62 40	6			14
Second Kingston	30 18	28 70	75 65				60
Krumville		5 50					
Marbletown		19 40	25 05	4 25			
New Paltz	27 79	85 53	246 36	19 23	20	5 91	26 35
North Ch. Marbletown		9 45					
Rochester			3 36				
Rosendale			2 30				
St. Remy		5 37					
N. Classis of L. Island.							
Jamaica	34	34		48 48	10 96	10 96	51
Newtown	17 94	18	47 18	5			26 67
Oyster Bay	12 74	41 56	63 06	12 98			32 82
North Hempstead				9			
Williamsburg		30	5				
Astoria	45	86 80	218 60	19 47	13 75	13 75	15
Flushing		75 70	67 18				10
Greenpoint	31 25	25	75 96		6 31	6 31	36 37
South Bushwick			97 55				
Second Astoria							
East Williamsburg		11 23	50 46				
Second Newtown	4	4 10					1
Queens	23 43	50 50	145 10	14 11			
Ger. Ev., Brooklyn	15	25	22 50	2	3	2	3
Sayville	2 50	2 75	3	2 50	2 75	2 50	3 50
Locust Valley	11 12	2	25				10 85
College Point							
Laurel Hill							
First Ref. L. I. City							
S. Classis of L. Island.							
Brooklyn	80 05	651 29	893 84	120 44	7	7	182 15
Flatbush	1208 78	1175 52	1098 68	24 78	20	12	29 73
Flatbush Mission							
New Utrecht	24 92	312 75	187 47	12	20		22
Gravesend	25 27	61	70	24	8 50	8 50	20
Flatlands	45	89 78	83 78	30 69	20	1 40	16 41
New Lots	15	50	110				
East New York	27 89	42 25	22 35	11 70			7 97
South Brooklyn			52 58	4	3 25	3 25	20
Middle Brooklyn	63 76		109 25				
Twelfth Street	31 50	88 04	71 28	22 42	8 95	8 95	136 83
North Reformed			41 45				
Church on the Heights	5382 27	892 03	1499 73	183 02	21 19	21 19	22
New Brooklyn	15	10	10				30
East Brooklyn							
Second Flatbush		10					

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Michigan.							
Battle Creek.....	14	11 45	57 12	5			
Centerville.....	15	12 90	15				
Constantine.....	15 78		8				15 85
Grand Rapids.....		22 05	29 89	3 64			10 61
Hope.....		7 50	13				
Macon.....							
Porter.....	2 32	5 50	2 25	1 50	1 25	1 25	10
South Bend.....		2 50	8				5
South Macon.....							
Classis of Monmouth.							
First Freehold.....		76 78	45 97	11 57			10
Second Freehold.....	26 43	58 03	236 81	23 18		14 39	16 28
Holmdel.....	32	61 60	91 28	15	8 38	19 24	9
Spotswood.....		10 77					
Middletown.....		12					9 50
Keyport.....							
Long Branch.....	10 45	25 77	10 30	10	5	5	
Colt's Neck.....	7	15	30	10	7	7	2
Highlands.....							2 50
Asbury Park.....							
Classis of Montgomery.							
Auriesville.....							
Canajoharie.....	3 60		20 41	5 17			
Columbia.....							
Currytown.....	6	24 10	27 69				
Ephratah.....	3 05		16				
Florida.....	15	20	55 81				
Fonda.....	45	227 90	220 90	16	10 50	10 50	25
Fort Plain.....	90 25	40 72	121 16				
Fort Herkimer.....							
Fultonville.....	46 16	48 87	73 80	24 06	12 81	11 81	13 11
Glen.....		18 32	60 58				10
Hagaman's Mills.....	26 90	9 80	18 51	7			16 82
Henderson.....							
Herkimer.....			13				
Indian Castle.....							
Manheim.....				5			
Mapletown.....	5 10	3	7 75				
Mohawk.....							
Port Jackson.....	8 50	15 17	8	5			
St. Johnsville.....	25 27	52 04	41 61	5 76	2	2	3 82
Stone Arabia.....	5 70		10 02				
Spraker's Basin.....							
Classis of Newark.							
Belleville.....	15 75	56 50	75 61	10			
First Newark.....	103 08		335 58				58 01
Irrington.....		20 48	10 80				
Second Newark.....	15 57	66 60	144 30	6	4 04	4 05	
Franklin.....		17					
North Newark.....	77 93	1357 05	1829 08	49 49	110 22	110 22	115
West Newark.....							
Clinton Avenue, Newark.....	25 94	85 21	56	12 75			10
East Reformed Newark.....	8 04	11 36	11 87				
Linden.....		14 10					
Woodside.....							10
Stone House Plains.....	20	20	16				
First Orange.....			27 30	107 56			143 85

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Classis of N. Brunswick.							
First New Brunswick	46	120 50	490 15	21	20	6	36 04
Six Mile Run	30	192 96	195 13	15			28 25
Hillsborough	12 03	61 67	134 05				
Middlebush	32	135 86	141 17	17	7	7	35 75
Griggstown			40 10				
Second New Brunswick	35 35	63 80	515 43	31 77	11 49	11 50	34 81
Bound Brook		25 56	25 55				
Third New Brunswick			50				
East Millstone	15 82		23 32	8 75			10
Metuchen	10 50	19 25	24				
Classis of New York.							
Collegiate, New York	1615 21	2157 45	2606 32	190 26	223 22	223 24	396 07
Harlem	41 39	176 24	136 01	16 25			40 30
South Ch. New York	237 31	300 33	1004 16				
Staten Island	15		44				15
Bloomington			5				
Madison Avenue			5				53
Thirty-Fourth Street	31 42	76 78	51 47	20 24	20	15 10	30 43
German Evan. Mission	40	50	100	25	20	10	10
Richmond, S. I.		13 65	8 50				
Huguenots, S. I.		40	13 06				
Mott Haven			18 62				
Union, High Bridge			33 12				
Fourth German		11 33					
Prospect Hill	40	135	145				
Holland		5 25					
Ave. B. Ger. Evangelical		5	5				
Brookfield, Conn.							
Bushwick		12 74					
Mattoax and Amelia C. H.	36		23				
Brighton Heights	9 27	29	24 42	22 76	8 19	8 50	
Union Ref. 6th Avenue	25 27	21 25	60 45	17 34	9 06	9 06	
Ger. Ref., Norfolk St.		38					
Classis of Orange.							
Berea	10	12	15	8	4	4	8
Bloomington							
Callicoon			2 51				
Claryville							
Cuddebackville	4	15 50	5				
Deerpark	25 67	135 03	186 65				
Ellenville		64 35	79 42				
Fallsburgh	3 50	3 50	6 40		3 40	1	3 40
Fremont							
Grahamville		6					
Hortonville							
Jeffersonville							
Kerhonkson							
Mamakating							
Minnisink							
Montgomery	40 36	256 60	600	38 50	6 48	6 48	
Newburgh	26 33	21 11	209 95				
New Hurley		26 25	10	26 23			
New Prospect	8 25	15 10	30	4 75		9 50	4 50
North Branch							
Shawangunk	5 78	12 95	7 63	7			16 15
Walden	33	54 75	91 47			1	
Wallkill Valley	8 90	13 50	11 37				7 57
Walpack, (Upper)	6 55						
Walpack, (Lower)	13 10	10 20	7 30	5 78			
Wawarsing		16 55	31				

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Classis of Paramus.							
Acquackanonck.....	36	107	427 50	23 65	20		
Broadway, Paterson.....	165 35	23 46	86 33	10 25	23 05	26 35	23 65
Clarkstown.....	47 12	117 94	105 10				
First Holland, Paterson.....	3 10	4 06	8 34				
Holland, Hohokus.....							
Holland, Lodi.....		3 65					7 85
Holland, Passaic.....							
North Passaic.....		62 22	174 16				20 03
Nyack.....	228 56	109 66	406 86	13 75	19 42	20 20	
Paramus.....	11 65	67 25	111 64				22 42
Pascack.....	5 75	5	10 75	3 80	1 78	1 78	2 50
Piermont.....	20	71 78	71 78				
Ramapo.....		5					5
Ramseys.....							
Ridgewood.....		5					
Saddle River.....	6	10 50	43 92				
Second Totowa.....	28	46	150				24
Spring Valley.....		10 38	36 40				
Tappan.....	12 91	18 28	34 25				
Warwick.....	34 50	100	71 22				5
West New Hempstead.....		21 61	32 44	3 50			3 21
Classis of Passaic.							
Boardville.....	10	10	10				
Boonton.....			20				10
Fairfield.....	3		10				
Little Falls.....			13				
Montville.....	20 25	18 86	25 26	5			
Sixth Paterson, Holland.....		5	5				
Pompton Plains.....			72 56				
Pompton.....	37	63	85 35	8		11	10 75
Ponds.....							
Preakness.....		11 10	4 35				
First Totowa, Paterson.....	41 55	21 80	88 71	10 55			30
Wyckoff.....	11 75	23 97	29 35	4 50	4	4	6 50
Classis of Philadelphia.							
Harlingen.....	8 46	40 60	47 38				
Neshanic.....		51 87	111 76				19 57
First Philadelphia.....		42	267				
Second Philadelphia.....	32 56		44 84				
Third Philadelphia.....			25				
Fourth Philadelphia.....			96 62				
Fifth Philadelphia.....			12 50				
N. and S. Hampton.....	31 60	46 81	91 92				
Blawenburgh.....		151 33	181 15				
Stanton.....							
Rocky Hill.....	13 82	50	88		1 50	2	18 40
Clover Hill.....	14 54	1	16 60	8 65			
Addisville.....	20 58	35 70	57 67	9 48			17 76
Three Bridges.....		5 75	7				
Classis of Poughkeepsie.							
First Poughkeepsie.....	37 06	106	225 91	5 50	22 55	22 54	
Second Poughkeepsie.....	111 79	39 47	163 34		35	15	
Fishkill.....		83	29 80	9 67		6 54	
Hopewell.....	24 36		20	8 96	7 20	7 20	
New Hackensack.....	17 40	20	45 17		3 67	3 63	5 13
Rhinebeck.....	31 68	120 21	101 20	21 49			10
Fishkill-on-Hudson.....	26 68	117 28	71 21				
Hyde Park.....		5 67	23 91				

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Classis of Poughkeepsie.							
CONTINUED							
Glenham.....		8 13	92 31				
Cold Spring.....	12 51						
Millbrook.....	26 15	14	213 36				
Classis of Raritan.							
First Raritan.....		79 13	60 28	20 05			
Readington.....	44 20	71 51	76 45		28 92	8 91	9 13
Bedminster.....	48 43	115 63	178 83	48 68			
Lebanon.....	6 15	8 08	8 07	4 48			
Rockaway.....	5	37 33	32 63	6			17
North Branch.....	8 80	55 03	75 03				
Second Raritan.....	46 85	101 05	128 09				
Peapack.....	4	24 78	4				
Branchville.....	30 49	21 37	85 78	7 40	40		
Third Raritan.....	16 81	166 68	194 59	15 33			15 42
Easton.....			204 53				
Plainfield.....							
Central Plainfield.....							
Pottersville.....		31 34	29 67				
High Bridge.....		31 08	3 02				
Clinton Station.....							
Wilcox.....		5 09	5 08				
Classis of Rensselaer.							
Blooming Grove.....	8 50	7 25	5 50				4 40
Castleton.....		43	43				
Chatham.....	21 01	13 02	218 78	5 61			
First Ghent.....	10	15	70	10			15
Second Ghent.....	6	10	70 86				
Greenbush.....		43 45	53				
Kinderhook.....	46 42	152 03	741 13	24 69			112 65
Nassau.....	47 80	52 70	104	57 25			
New Concord.....							
Schodack.....			15				
Schodack Landing.....	9	29	12				
Stuyvesant.....	9 29	9 44	162 24	3 05	6 11	3	17 76
Stuyvesant Falls.....							
Classis of Saratoga.							
Boght.....							
Buskirk's.....	7	41 50	15 50				
Cohoes.....	5	82 66	81				
Easton.....							
Fort Miller.....							
Gansevoort.....							
Northumberland.....		15					
Rensselaer.....							
Saratoga.....	17 15	28	78	82 40			
Schaghticoke.....		9 75					9 75
Union Village.....	18 55	20 90	67 96				
West Troy.....		67 08	91 21	22 82			
West Troy S. Church.....		78 54	97 94				
Wynantskill.....							

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Schenectady.							
First Schenectady.....	48 70	.....	41 38	11 11			
Second Schenectady.....	.....	7 60					
First Glenville.....	25	180	76 10	10	10	10	31
Second Glenville.....							
First Rotterdam.....	10	19	14 11		6		
Second Rotterdam.....		4 25					
Helderberg.....	7 50	15		7 50		7 50	7 50
Niskayuna.....	19	21 50	37 68	12 66	12 56		34 76
Lisha's Kill.....	41 87	42 37	80 29	27 91	33 74		27 91
Amity.....		9					
Princeton.....	6 50	4 50	5 25				
Cranesville.....			1 50				3
Classis of Schoharie.							
Schoharie.....	6 76	13 63	22 45				
Middleburgh.....	6 89	16 32	6 02				
Gallupville.....							
Berne.....		39 64	58 50				
Beaver Dam.....		16 12	21 35				
Lawyerville.....							
Schoharie Mountain.....		5 50					
North Blenheim.....							
Breakabin.....							
Sharon.....							
Gilboa.....							
Eminence.....							
Central Bridge.....							
Classis of Ulster.							
Blue Mountain.....	8	12	10	9			
Caatsban.....	13 13	41 62	106 60	9			
Esopus.....							
Flatbush.....	9 84		22	8 20			
Kingston.....		89 95	122 81				
North Esopus.....			66 09				
Plattekill.....			27 64				
Saugerties.....	134 36	204 23	252 97				
Shokan.....		6	3 25				
Shandaken.....							
West Hurley.....			10 71				
Woodstock.....	5	8 25	7				
Wiltwyok.....	3 32	9 50	88 19				
Classis of Westchester.							
Bronxville.....	18 85	31 20	128 09			8 30	
Courtlandtown.....		10					
Fordham.....							
Greenburg.....							
Greenville.....							
Hastings.....	77	86 74	90				
Melrose.....							
Mount Vernon.....	25 40	41 87	84 33		23 87	23 88	12 30
Peekskill.....	17 25	45 30	10				
Tarrytown, First.....	112 28	116 72	118 72				
Tarrytown, Second.....		200	100				
Unionville.....	6 50	5 40	36 14				
West Farms.....		37 72	225				
Yonkers.....	28	83		42 50	23 25	5	113

CHURCHES.	Education.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Publication.	Widows' Fund.	Disabled Ministers' Fund.	Church Building Fund.
Classis of Wisconsin.							
Alto	65 15		100 55				16 55
Bethlehem	30		52 02				
Chicago		13 70	14 25				
Danforth	5	26	20				10
Franklin	16	5	52				
Forreston		25 50	91 35				
Fulton	32 04		20				
Gibbsville	150	10 60	132 50				
Greenleafston	27 06	10 04	33 65	8 11			
Holland, Wis.		50 52	166 03				
High Prairie	100		40				
Holland, Neb.	14 86	7 82	40 91				7 31
Milwaukee	59 90	10	53 47				31 67
Oostburg	12 50		29 40				10
Peoria		16 27					
Ebenezer Church		11 77					
South Holland	143	25	115		20		
Silver Creek	73	112 28	193 40				10 13
Sheboygan Falls							
2d Holland, Neb.							
Lansing, Illinois							
Two Rivers		17 06					

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

It was

Resolved, That the sermons hereafter preached by the Presidents of the Synod, and those on the subject of Benevolence, beginning with this year, and also the sermons of former Presidents and preachers on Benevolence, so far as they can be obtained, be requested for preservation in the archives.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee on Accounts would report as follows :

There are present from the Particular Synod of Chicago, at General Synod, sixteen delegates who are entitled to traveling expenses by the rule of General Synod.

Three from the Classis of Grand River,	\$28 each..	\$84
Four " " Holland,	21 " ..	84
Four " " Illinois,	27 " ..	108
Three " " Michigan	28 " ..	84
Three " " Wisconsin,	32 " ..	96

\$456

Your Committee recommend the payment of the above amounts.

Your Committee also recommend the payment of the following bills :

Bill for printing.....	\$18 25
Bill for stationery.....	
Doorkeeper's bill.....	50 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. DEAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 1,400 copies of the Minutes of the General Synod, and that the price of each copy be printed on the cover.

It was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Synod of 1877, are due and are hereby tendered to the Consistory of the Collegiate Church for the use of their church edifice for the sessions of the Synod, and the abundant provision of materials essential to the Synod's convenience and work.

Also to the Rev. Dr. Chambers, to the Church Committee of Arrangements, who have so pleasantly provided for the reception of the Synod, to families of this and other congregations, who have so courteously welcomed us to their homes, or at their expense provided us with comfortable entertainment while in the city ;

Also to the Post Master for postal facilities during the sessions of the Synod.

The Minutes were read and approved. The roll was called and the following were found to be absent without leave :

Rev. M. L. Haines, Rev. J. Hoffman, Rev. C. B. Durand, and Elders Henry Brouwer, Alphonso Wood, and W. H. De Rouville.

ARTICLE XXVII.

A D J O U R N M E N T .

The Synod, by invitation of Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, resolved to meet in the City of Utica, N. Y., on the first Wednesday in June, 1878, at 3 o'clock P. M.

After prayer, the singing of the 117th Psalm as a Doxology, and the Benediction by the President, the Synod adjourned.

RUFUS W. CLARK, *President*.

ISAAC S. HARTLEY, *Adsector*.

W. H. TEN EYCK, *Permanent Clerk*.

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APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CO-OPERATION ON THE LIBRARY.

The Committee of Co-operation with the Professors on the Library of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, beg leave respectfully to report as follows :

Regular monthly meetings have been held during the year, and careful attention has been given to the needs of the institution. The additions made since the last report reach nearly three thousand bound volumes, and nearly four hundred unbound volumes and pamphlets. Among the more important of these are :

Migne's Pathology in 325 vols., imp. 8vo, a complete repository of the writings of all the Fathers, Greek and Latin.

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The Rosetta Stone, an excellent fac simile, together with a descriptive volume.

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Buxtorf's Rabbinical Bible.

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Daniel's *Codex Liturgicus*.

Wackerhagel's *Deutsche Kirchenlied*, 4 vols.

Menè's *Lateinische Hymn.* 3 vols.

Bunsen's *Bibel Werk*, 9 vols.

Schenkel's *Bibel Lexicon*, 5 vols.

Hertzog's *Encyclopedia*, 21 vols.

Weltzer and Welte's *Kirchen Lex.*, 12 vols.

Rolteek-Welker *Staats Lex.*, 14 vols.

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Luther-Werke Walch's Ed., 24 vols.

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 Leiler's Bib. Erbanen-buch, 17 vols.

The complete works of Kant, Schleiermacher, Schelling, Fichte, Schlegel, Jacobi, Herder, Baader, and other masters in German philosophy and theology have been secured, and large additions made to the works already possessed on the history, literature and theology of Holland.

Many pamphlets on matters connected with the history of our Church have been received, and it is pleasant to note a growing tendency on the part of authors among our ministers and laymen to send copies of their works to the Library.

Considerable progress has been made in the translation of important documents of the last century. The complaint (*Klage*) against Frelinghuysen, invaluable for the light it throws upon the state of things which led to the Coetus controversy is completed. The correspondence with the Classis of Amsterdam is nearly finished, and the interesting series of controversial pamphlets issued by Ritzema of New York, and Leydt of New Brunswick are now in hand. It is a matter of thankfulness that so much material pertaining to the early history of our Church is thus secured from loss and made accessible to all students of the past. To the Rev. Dr. Messler of Somerville, N. J., the Library is indebted for the MS. journal of the Jufvr-auw Hardenberg, memorable for her own sake and for her connection with the fathers and founders of our institutions.

A promising beginning has been made in the matter of a card catalogue. It is proposed to continue this till it is completed.

It has occurred to us that a Biblical Museum would be a great addition to the Seminary, and since there is ample room for its accommodation, we take the liberty to suggest the propriety of appointing a Committee to provide such a museum.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS,
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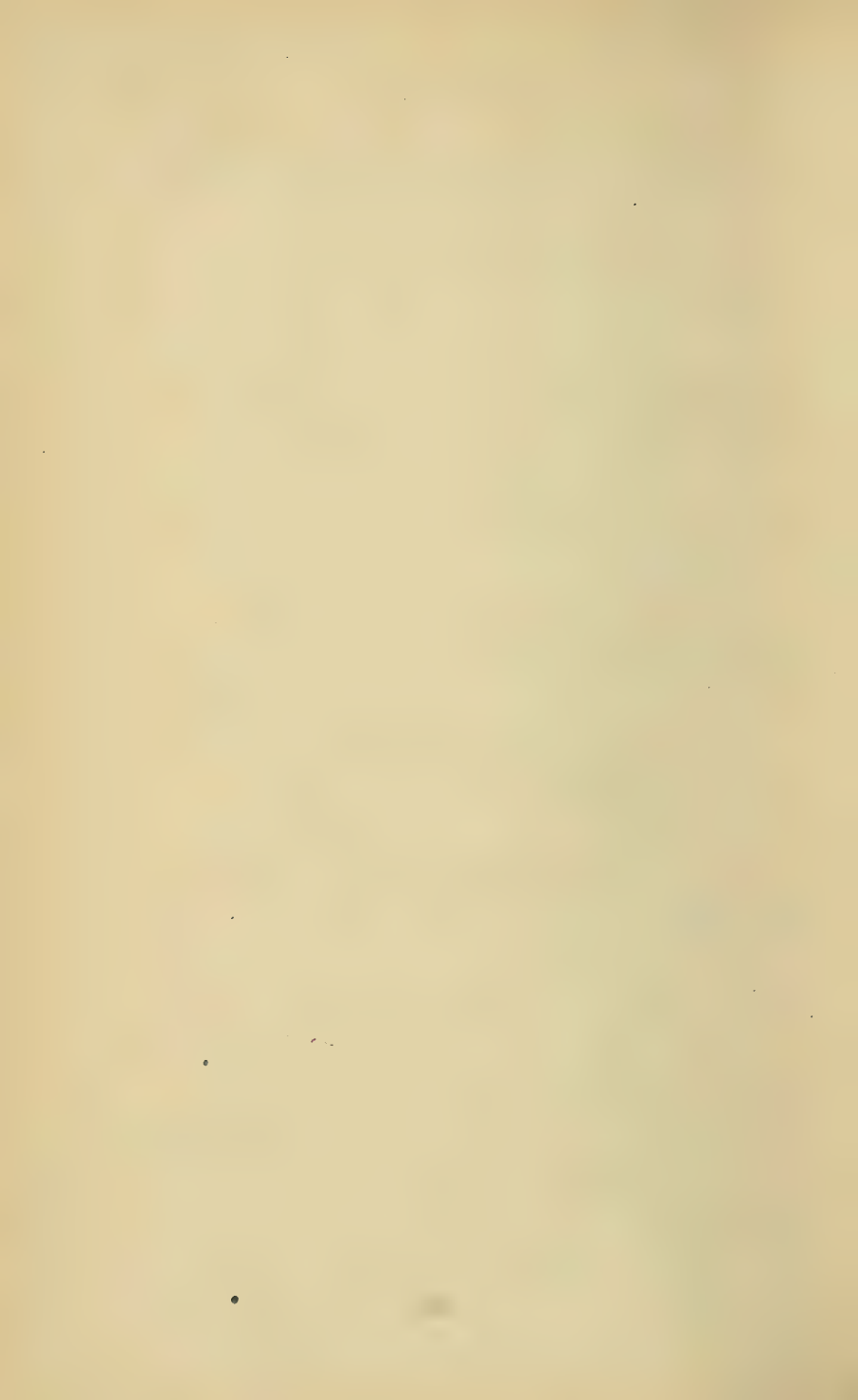
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TO THE
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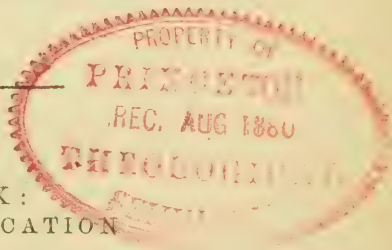
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REPORT.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 15, 1877.

*To the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of
the Reformed Church in America.*

The General Synod's Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property at New Brunswick, New Jersey, appointed by the last General Synod, respectfully present the following :

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

ORGANIZATION.

The Committee met in Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, July 13, 1876, and in compliance with the resolution of General Synod, classified itself as follows, viz: Gardner A. Sage for 5 years; John W. Ferdon, 4 years; William H. Kirk, 3 years; S. R. W. Heath, 2 years, and William Bogardus, 1 year; and thereupon organized by the appointment of Gardner A. Sage, Chairman and Treasurer, and John W. Ferdon, Secretary. Messrs. Kirk and Sage were appointed a Sub-Committee on Property. Professor John De Witt was elected by the Theological Professors a member of the Committee.

The term of service of William Bogardus will expire at the coming meeting of the General Synod.

MEETINGS.

The regular meetings were fixed to be held in Peter Hertzog Hall, on the third Wednesday in each month. Special meetings to be held subject to the call of the Chairman.

RECTOR.

The Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyck, appointed by the former Committee, as Rector, in the place of Rev. John Garretson, deceased, assumed his duties on the First of last August, and from his annual report we extract the following. All the rooms in the Hall allotted to the Students, have been occupied during the year, 57 having availed themselves of the privilege; of which number

35 are Theological Students, 18 are connected with the College, and 4 with the Grammar School. Almost uninterrupted good health has prevailed, no serious case of sickness having occurred. The thorough cleaning of all the rooms before the opening of the Seminary year, and the constant effort to keep the rooms, corridors and halls in a cleanly condition, has doubtless aided greatly in the preservation of the health of the occupants of the building.

PROFESSORIAL RESIDENCES.

The heating apparatus in each of the four residences has been overhauled, and extensive alterations and repairs made to them, which have greatly added to the comfort of their inmates.

GARDNER A SAGE LIBRARY.

The Library has been open daily throughout the whole year, from six to eight hours a day.

The salary of the Librarian, together with the current expenses for repairs, heating, cleaning, etc., being directly borne by Mr. Sage, no mention of them will therefore appear in the Financial report of the Treasurer. From the Librarian's Annual Report, it appears that during the past year, 2,959 volumes, and 295 pamphlets have been added to its numbers, of which 2,917 volumes and 225 pamphlets have been purchased, and 42 volumes and 70 pamphlets donated. The appreciation of the Library may be inferred in some measure from the number of calls, and those for the most part for reading and research, aggregating 3,854, an increase of 1,101 over the preceding year. It will thus appear that the number of calls has been nearly one-third more than in any previous year. The Library now contains more than 28,000 volumes and 4,000 pamphlets.

PETER HERTZOG THEOLOGICAL HALL.

Extensive repairs have been made throughout this Hall, including the kalsomining of the walls and ceilings of all dormitories, and the main halls; and the repairing and painting of the entire roofs, including the cupola. The present apparatus for heating by steam, has made the building delightfully comfortable throughout the season.

JAMES SUYDAM HALL

Has been in use throughout the term. Very limited repairs have been made; but owing to imperfection in its construction, extensive repairs are in contemplation for the coming year.

GYMNASIUM.

The Gymnasium has proved a source of healthful exercise, and much pleasure to those of the students who have availed themselves of its benefits. The use of it, had, during part of the year, been granted to some of the College students.

We recommend to General Synod, that the Standing Committee be empowered to extend to the students of the College, such use of the Gymnasium as the Committee may deem advisable.

FINANCIAL.

By resolution of the last General Synod, the Committee was instructed to make a report in full of its financial affairs at the close of each fiscal year to the General Synod. This report has been prepared by the Treasurer, and a copy of the same is herewith presented.

DORMITORIES.

The Committee have found very serious, practical difficulties, growing out of present arrangements with regard to the occupancy of the dormitories of the Theological Hall, by which they have been greatly embarrassed from the time of their first appointment, and would suggest to the Board of Superintendents, the propriety of confining the dormitories to the use of the students of the Theological Seminary alone, according to the original design of the founder of the Hall.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. FERDON, *Secretary*.

BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 16, 1877.

Action of the Board of Superintendents in reference to the Annual Report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property.

Resolved, That we approve the report of the Standing Committee on the Seminary Grounds and Property, and endorse its suggestions, and that it be respectfully referred to the General Synod for such action as may seem advisable.

A true Extract from the Minutes.

PAUL D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk*.

1876.		Dr.	
		Amount brought forward.....	\$1,773 66
Nov.	8	Hosford & Sons, printing reports.....	64
	15	Runyon & Sons, coal for Hertzog Hall....	671 23
		" " Suydam Hall.....	139 02
		Nevius, repairs to Hertzog Hall.....	148 16
		" " Suydam Hall.....	9 45
		Bonnell & Sons, repairs to Prof. houses...	244 94
Dec.	6	Engineer's salary to 1st inst.....	54 16
	28	Bonnel & Sons, repairs to Prof. houses....	73 46
		Green & Son, repairs to Hertzog Hall.....	34 95
1877.			
Jan.	4	Engineer's salary to 1st inst.....	54 16
	9	Rector's " " " ".....	125
	10	Nevius, repairs to Hertzog Hall.....	168 47
	12	Gas Company, supply to Hertzog Hall....	237 60
	16	Water Commissioners supply to Hertzog Hall.....	25 41
Feb.	15	Engineer's salary to 1st inst.....	54 16
Mar	1	Rector's salary to date.....	125
		Janitor's " " " ".....	40
		Engineer's " " " ".....	54 16
April	6	Strong & Co., supplies to Hertzog Hall....	102 26
		Rowland " " " ".....	12 31
		Dey Bros., repairs to Hertzog Hall.....	16 46
		McKeag, " Prof. houses.....	13 33
		Nevius, " " " ".....	15 77
		Engineer's salary to 1st inst.....	54 16
		Water Commissioners, supply to Suydam Hall.....	9 50
		Diebole. labor handling coal.....	20
	11	Gas Company, supply to Hertzog Hall	239 49
		Baker, Smith & Co., repairs to Suydam Hall.....	35 16
	17	Water Commissioners, supply to Hertzog Hall.....	27 50
	18	Rector, for supplies and repairs.....	19 18
May	1	McKeag, repairs to Prof. Houses.....	72 92
		Dunham, " " " ".....	48 62
		Whitlock, " " " ".....	15 71
		Dey Bros., " " " ".....	4 43
		Whitlock, " Suydam Hall.....	7 31
		Rector's salary to date.....	125
		Janitor's " " " ".....	20
		Engineer's " " " ".....	54 16
		Stout, repairs to Hertzog Hall.....	11 61
		Dey Bros " " " ".....	11 90
		Reineck & Tindell, coal for Suydam Hall..	13 50
		Bills for supplies and repairs.....	7 70
			<hr/> \$5,054 97

SUMMARY OF EACH TRUST AND ACCOUNT, IN GROSS.

PETER HERTZOG THEOLOGICAL HALL, CURRENT EXPENSES.

Balance on hand as per last report.....	\$263 07
Received from all sources since last report.....	1,909 50
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	\$2,172 57
Amount expended.....	2,504 34
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Deficiency of income.....	\$331 77

MRS. ANNA HERTZOG ENDOWMENT,

For the keeping and maintaining in good order and repair the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall:

Amount of Income received.....	\$685 55
Amount expended.....	685 55
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JAMES SUYDAM ENDOWMENT,

For the maintenance and support of the James Suydam Hall:

Amount of Income received.....	\$1,147 50
Amount expended.....	787 27
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Balance remaining unexpended.....	\$360 23
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JAMES SUYDAM ENDOWMENT,

For the repairs and improvements of the Buildings and Grounds of the Theological Seminary:

Amount of Income received.....	\$1,400
Amount expended.....	952 81
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Balance remaining unexpended.....	\$447 19
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GARDNER A. SAGE LIBRARY.

Amount received for services of Engineer.....	\$125
Amount expended for services of Engineer.....	125

All the other current expenses for the repairs and support and maintenance of the Library, have been met directly by Mr. Sage, without passing through the Treasurer's hands.

NEW BRUNSWICK, *May 15th*, 1877.

GARDNER A. SAGE, *Treasurer*.

Examined with vouchers and found correct.

WM. H. KIRK, }
JOHN DE WITT, } *Auditing Com.*

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. FERDON, *Secretary*.

THE
FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Board of Education
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,
PRESENTED TO THE
GENERAL SYNOD, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,
JUNE, 1877.

WITH thanks to God for the grace which has permitted and the favor which has attended its labors, in the department of work for His kingdom, which Synod has committed to its oversight, your Board of Education respectfully presents the following statements of the interests in its charge. They refer to the operations of the Synodical year from May 1st, 1876, to April 30th, 1877.

I. STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

The total number of students aided has been eighty-seven. Twelve of these had but a short remnant of their course left at the beginning of the year, and entered upon their work, nine being from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and three from the Theological department of Hope College. Three have been compelled to intermit their studies on account of ill-health. One left College without assigning his reasons, and one has been dropped from the roll.

The whole number received during the year was fourteen. The number remaining under the care of the Board at the close of the year was sixty-eight. Between the close of the year and the meeting of Synod, twelve will finish their Theological course at New Brunswick, and two at Holland.

We are thankful to find the stream of our supply of laborers for the Lord's harvest keeping its steady fulness, and enabling us, notwithstanding the unwonted and long continued depression of business interests among the Churches to report an increased number of those under the care of the Board, as well as of those going from our preparatory institutions equipped for their work. However true it may be, that the first and most essential of all furniture for the work of the ministry, must be the endowment of the Holy Ghost, and the attendance of His illumining influence and sanctifying power upon their own hearts, as well as His energy upon the minds and hearts of those to whom they shall expound His Word, it is equally true that God has none the less honored faithful and studious culture of the powers which He has given, as the channel of communicating the blessings of salvation to men. His own infinite wisdom has, from the beginning, appointed some, evangelists, and endowed them with all the fire and light which their peculiar sphere requires, and others, pastors and teachers, and has given to them the patience and care of thoughtful study and teaching by which the Church, enlarged by the thousands called out of darkness into light and added to her communion, shall grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The present success of evangelists, or of ministers fired with evangelistic zeal, is not an antagonism to the more quiet and unobserved labors of a ministry appointed to more studious pursuits and more extensively instructive preaching. Neither is the more cultivated Christian knowledge reached by a studious and faithful minister, an antagonism to the not really, but apparently, more zealous and living earnestness reached by evangelistic labors. Either is the proper complement of the other. The wisdom of God is manifest in providing both for the growth of His Church. Faithfulness in either sphere, according to the calling of God, is the requisite of qualification in either. Proper regard for either and reception of their labors with thankfulness, that Divine wisdom and power have adapted the instrumentalities so fittingly to the various needs of His own kingdom, is the requisite of qualification on the part of

the people, for the attainment of God's great ends of awakening the soul to secure its life, and afterward to enter the great fields of higher and growing knowledge, by which it is to rise above its fallen ruin and prepare for the service of God hereafter.

Accepting our sphere, as the appointment of God, under your action, our care has been to furnish the Church, as far as lay in our power, with a trained and educated ministry for the culture of Christian knowledge. We have asked in your behalf, young men recommended by the Classes, of good promise of becoming able to teach. We have obtained, in accordance with your direction, sufficiently frequent testimonials from their instructors, of their diligence in study and consistency in deportment, to assure us that they would come to their ministry properly qualified to be teachers of the Word of God. The record of the ministry of those whom God has thus given to the Church through us, strengthens us in the confidence that those whom we are now sending forth, and preparing to send forth in coming years, will not disappoint the expectation of the Church. The Reports of their Professors and Teachers for the past year have been of the most satisfactory and encouraging character. With regard to the future, the tokens are of an enlargement of the numbers of those who will devote themselves to ministerial work. Among the large number of ingatherings to the membership of the Church, it will be only in accordance with all the experience of the past, to find an increasing number of those who will devote themselves to the work of the ministry. The proportion of those who will give good promise of fitness for and usefulness in it, but who will need the ministration of the means of support, will be the Church's opportunity to bear witness by her liberality, to the truth and sincerity of her prayer for laborers.

II. HOPE COLLEGE.

Nine hundred dollars on the appropriation for the preceding year, and during the present year appropriations amounting to two thousand four hundred dollars have been paid towards the salaries of the Theological teachers. Yet a kind Providence has prevented in good part the damage which would result from our deficiency, by the success which has attended the efforts of Prof. Kollen, who has been acting as Financial Agent of the Council during the year. The fuller statement of these labors will come to you from the

Report of the Council. As, however, your Board has been so intimately connected with the whole progress of the Institution, although not coming immediately under our own items, we deem it not irrelevant to extend the knowledge of a kind deed in the Church and commend it as an example to any others who may be able. A Christian sister, whose heart is warmly alive to the welfare of everything connected with our Redeemer's kingdom, and ardently devoted to our own branch of that kingdom, has generously undertaken the payment for this year of the amount of a Professor's salary in the College. Her own request is, that her name should not be mentioned in connection with it. The object is well worthy of her benevolence. With the great end proposed to the Church, to secure the consecration of our country to the kingdom of our Lord, as the one sole ground of our perpetuity and honor, no institution, which, by its Christian character and relations, promises help toward this, can be of little moment. Growing out of special providences, connecting it not only with the Church of Christ, but specially with our own branch of the Church; primarily designed for religious and church purposes; belonging by its history and constitution to the Church and eminently to ourselves; establishing and promoting Christian culture among a people devoted to the Church; already in the number among its graduates of Christian ministers, as well as other men of Christian character and influence in various professions, the College stands as a light to show our way to duty by sending through it streams of saving influence for so much of our country as it may reach. This position of interest, it shares in common with every Christian College of our land, and the importance of any of them may be measured by the measure of their power and opportunity to extend Christian influences. "One thing is needful" is as certainly true of national as of individual life. So far as we have aided, during the years of the first century of our nation's life, to Christianize the country by our older Rutgers, so far we have aided to give substantial reason to rejoice in our Centennial. So far as we have aided during the last quarter of a century towards the same end, through the establishment of a College at the West, so far we have further ministered to the same rejoicing. As we enter the new century, with both of these fountains flowing to the measure of the capability which our labors give, we are laying the foundations of good during it and of rejoicing at its close, in proportion as we secure to them

power to do their Christian work. It is no light thing to have gone with other portions of the Church into the rejoicings of our Centennial with a College and Seminary equipped as are those at the East, for nurturing Christian knowledge. Somewhat yet remains to be done here. It will be no light thing at the close of another century to have been faithful in furnishing equal appliances for influence to that at Holland. Long before the century rolls its course, Hope College should be put in such order during its first years, that it may show results during the later ones to add to the joy when it closes. Yet also not too far off in its years and at convenient distance to follow the advance of our people, still other foundations should be laid for our peopling territory. Of all unfortunate things for our Church and our country and one of the most unhappy, will be any resting in pride, that we have done enough, or in faint heartedness, that the work is too great for us. We can, at any rate, keep on doing what we can. What we can, continued as God gives ability, is the only path to rightful rejoicing when the review shall be taken. No lines of civil policy; no accumulation of wealth; no advances of social refinement or comfort can ever save us, or any other people, from the sentence, "The nation and kingdom that will not serve Thee shall perish." So far, by Rutgers and our Seminary, our fathers have wrought to render this country tributary to Christ and His kingdom, and to join the march to His certain victory and triumph. Let Hope College, with Theological and Christianly classical culture, be the work of their children, and still further institutions, those of the generations to come.

III. PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

The Board has aided seven churches in maintaining Parochial Schools.

The annual Reports furnished by these, exhibit :

Number of pupils on the rolls.....	457
“ “ in average attendance	311
Amount of aid given by the Board.....	\$718 75
“ “ by their own Churches.....	978 00
Collections for the Parochial School Fund in churches receiving aid.....	30 00

The statements of Pastors and Consistories are such as these :

From a school now aided for a few years: "Since it began we have received twenty young, faithful members."

From others:

"The School is doing a good work. More than two-thirds of the pupils are children of people who are not church-goers and would not otherwise receive a religious training."

"The School continues to exert the same Christian influence which it has exerted for years in this community. You must understand our position to appreciate the good the School is doing. A large number of the German population about us are connected with 'The Turner Society.' You know, perhaps, that the Turners are infidel by profession. But they send their children to our School to learn German, and hereby they learn the Heidelbergh Catechism and are instructed in the history of the Bible, besides hearing it read daily. The children are also hereby induced to attend our Sabbath School and Church, and thus become the means of inducing their parents to attend our church occasionally. Were it not for our Parochial School, these children would grow up like the heathen."

"Our teacher is a warm-hearted Christian, and the influence of the School is good."

We do but share with others the experience of the difficulty, we may say the impossibility, of awakening the general interest of our churches, in parochial in distinction from public schools. They are few and connected with the churches of those coming to us from other countries, where custom has made more common, schools in direct connection with the Church. Yet what we have are doing for those who use them a work of great worth to the extent to which they reach. The statements which we have quoted are testimony of this. The outreaching of Christian desire and the devotion of means to which it gave rise, that schools under immediate care of the Church, and with direct instruction in religion, might be established, has not been in vain. All its results cannot be traced by human observation, but hundreds of children have been prepared to follow the duties of life with larger Christian knowledge, with firmer Christian principle and with a fuller conviction that religion is part and parcel of daily life. In so many cases the study of its truths has been mingled with ordinary preparatory studies, and so many pupils have been established, in early life, in

the principles for governing their daily actions, which its study secures. The only alternative for safety for those who, without the connection of the School with the Church, commit the culture of their children to our public schools, is to stand together firmly, insisting that the Word of God and its inculcated truth shall not be banished from the places of their children's education. If the fewness of these church schools shall only be the means of reminding those who do not use them, of their manifest duty of securing the right of God's Word in the schools which they do use, the Parochial Schools will have accomplished a good, worthy of the care and expense given to them.

IV. FUNDS.

The receipts of the Board for the year from church collections and individual donations, exclusive of interest on invested funds, have been \$12,263.59. This includes the amount reported by special arrangement mentioned in our last year's report, with the western Holland Classes. It should also be stated, that when the arrangement was first made, year before last, the amount for that year was not reported in time for the closing of our Treasurer's books for April 30, 1875; hence the amounts for two years from them were included in one year of ours, as reported last year.

Our report of an income less than that of the year preceding is only one in common with those of other organizations of the Churches of all denominations, and of much, if not all of our national Societies, witnessing to the long and painful depression of the business affairs of the people. With wealth opening its wings and flying; large businesses falling to the ground in ruins; plentiful incomes of former years greatly shrinking, if not altogether disappearing; with the numbers of those ordinarily in compensative employment, but long deprived of it, and the extraordinary calls upon any whose means allow, to relieve the distress of those around them, the same fullness of the streams of ordinary benevolence could scarcely be expected. That the number of our contributing Churches remained so steadfast and near its ordinary standard is as much matter of thankfulness, as the unavoidable diminution of their contributions, is of regret. It has sufficed, even with somewhat increased work for the year, to prevent the increase, if not to provide for the payment of our debt. It encourages our hope, that

with the return of business prosperity an increase of ability will do what it has done before and provide for its removal.

The permanent funds of the Board have been increased by the receipt of \$5,000, a bequest of Miss Elizabeth Duryee, of the Church on the Heights, Brooklyn.

A bequest of \$300 has been paid from the estate of the late Samuel Gates, of Albany.

We are gratified to report that the debt of the Board has been somewhat diminished, although we have aided a larger number of students than we did last year. The expenses of the Board have also been materially reduced.

V. MEMBERSHIP.

For the first time in several years, it has become our painful duty to report the death of a fellow-member and co-laborer.

Mr. John H. Browning was first elected to a membership of the Board June 28, 1870, to fill a vacancy, and has since been continued by Synod. His term would have expired at the present session of Synod, but the Head of the Church called him by his death, to serve Him in His kingdom above.

The following action was taken with reference to it:

Resolved, That the Board has heard with sincere regret of the death of its late associate, Mr. John H. Browning. They cherish pleasant memories of his genial presence, sound judgment and abiding interest in our work and in the general prosperity of the Kingdom of our Saviour. They rejoice that his life was spared to a ripe age, and that his departure to his heavenly home was peaceful and full of the blessed hope of entering into rest. "His works do follow him."

The terms of the following members expire this year, and their places are to be filled by Synod's election:

Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D.,	Mr. F. J. Hosford,
" W. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.,	" Johnson Letson,
" J. H. Manning, D.D.,	" John H. Browning,
" G. H. Mandeville, D.D.,	" Thomas Jessup.

The foregoing Report was adopted by the Board at its session, May 8, 1877, and ordered to be forwarded to General Synod.

JOHN L. SEE,

Corresponding Secretary.

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF R. C. A.

Dr.

Paid Students at New Brunswick, etc	\$11,224 02
“ “ Hope College.....	2,012
“ for Salaries of Theo. Teachers Hope College.....	3,300
“ Appropriations for Parochial Schools.....	718 75
“ Expenses:—Salary of Cor. Secretary, \$2,500; Postage and Wrappers, \$217 57; Cleaning office, \$36; Paper and Stationery, \$25 20; Circular, &c. \$58 25; Envelopes \$56 75; Subscription Blanks, \$15 25; Postal Cards, \$5 50; Acknowledgements, \$42 39; Traveling Expenses of Secretary, \$45 78; Rent and Plumbing, \$235 92; Checks and Stamps, \$23 21; 8,000 Annual Reports, \$152 13; Fuel, \$7 45; Treasurer's Assistant and Stationery, \$150; Sundries, \$16 75.....	3,588 15
“ Loans.....	11,500
“ Interest.....	298 70
“ on Special Account	534 36
“ Hope College Interest on Endowment.....	1,098
“ Rutgers College Incidental Expenses of Students.....	121
“ Investment on Bond and Mortgage.....	2,342
Balance in the Treasury.....	588 35
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	\$37,325 33

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By Balance as per last Report.....	\$311 78
Receipts for Education Funds.....	11,409 33
“ Parochial Schools.....	30
Interest from Board of Direction on Education Funds....	6,335 08
“ “ “ Parochial School “	901
“ “ “ Hope College “	1,098
“ on Bond and Mortgage.....	1,385 88
Cash for Loans	10,000
“ “ Special Account.....	854 26
Bequest—Miss Margaret E. Duryee Fund.....	5,000
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	\$37,325 33

Invested on Bond and Mortgage.....	\$20,000
Permanent Fund uninvested.....	2,658
Security Fund “	2,200
Debt.....	8,358

F. J. HOSFORD, *Treasurer.*

This is to certify, that we have, this 5th day of May, 1877, examined the accounts of F. J. Hosford, Treasurer of the Board of Education, and find a balance in the Treasury of Five hundred and eighty-eight 85-100 Dollars, on the thirtieth day of April, 1877, and that the accounts have been correctly kept.

R. N. PERLEE,) *Auditing*
WM. ROBB,) *Committee.*

THE
FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Board of Domestic Missions,
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,
PRESENTED TO THE
GENERAL SYNOD,
AT
New York, June 1877.

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34 VESEY STREET, CORNER CHURCH.
1877.

REPORT.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America :

Your Board of Domestic Missions respectfully begs leave to present this Forty-fifth Annual Report of its operations and results.

The year has been full of the great and signal mercies of God. mercies which have filled the hearts of the members of your Board with adoring gratitude, and which cannot fail to awaken a universal spirit of grateful, hopeful consecration toward the work committed to us, on the part of every friend of our Zion. This may be characterized as "the year of the right hand of the Most High." Never before has it been our privilege to report so many and such extensive and gracious revivals of religion as we present in this necessarily brief summary of our operations.

REVIVALS.

Year by year the fact is developed with increasing clearness that this is the land of revivals. "He hath not dealt so with any nation." It is a blessed and significant feature of His sovereign grace. More than a score of times within the century of our national history just closed, has God sent the wave of the Water of Life sweeping over the moral wastes of our land, rearing new barriers against infidelity, providing new power to assimilate the heterogeneous elements of character which gather here, adding a new lustre to a Christian civilization which sends its radiance to every nation under heaven, and accumulating a store of spiritual forces which it is not difficult to believe God is preparing for the regeneration of our race.

Special works of Grace have been reported in no less than 14 of our Western Mission Churches, which in many instances have entirely changed the character of the communities in which they occurred. Spring Lake, Mich., reports 19 received on confession of faith; Saugatuck, Mich., 17; Norwood Park, Ill., 24; Milwaukee, Wis., 29; Irving Park, Ill., 45, of which 43 were in the Sabbath-school; Hope Church, Mich., 19; Havana, Ill., 13; Third Grand Rapids, 48; Fourth Grand Rapids, 62; First Grand Rapids, 19; Graafschap, Mich., 29; Fynaart, Mich., 19; First Chicago, Ill. 109, and Beaverdam, Mich., 34.

Of the Missions East, five have reported marked revivals. Sharon, N. Y., has added 30 on confession; Grahamsville, 23; Krumville, 19; Lyonsville, which has been organized but a few months. has received 72; and Clymer Village, which was on the borders of extinction, has added 40 on confession and 42 on certificate. "This, is the Lord's work and it is marvelous in our eyes!"

A SURVEY OF THE FIELD.

This gracious refreshing is manifest in every part of our work. The number of families reported is 5,349, as against 4,875 last year. The number of members is 7,856, as against 6,673 last year. The number received on confession of faith is 1,193, as against 663, and the additions by certificate 662, as against 418. There have been 21 new Sabbath-schools organized, and 118 schools have been under the care of the Missions, showing an average attendance of 9,976. Thus showing an increase of 9 schools organized, and of 50 conducted, and an increased attendance of 1,466. But the most interesting fact is still to be added—358 conversions are reported in the Sabbath-schools, as compared with 154 last year. The first impression was that this blessed result might have been reached by a more general and careful report upon the subject. But the matter is fully explained by the fact that one church is permitted to report 80, and another 43, and several from 16 to 30. God has refreshed his beloved with the fragrance of these "beds of spices," and blessed be His name.

The work has been thus distributed: 49 Missionaries and 54 Missions, with 2,835 families are at the East: 38 Missionaries and 43 Missions, with 2,714 families at the West, and 2 at the South. Thus making a total of 88 Missionaries and 99 Missions, who have added an aggregate of 1,855 souls, making an average of about 19

to each Mission under the care of your Board. And as bearing directly upon this subject, it will be remembered that the last Synod appointed a special day of thanksgiving "for the large increase of the number of God's people, and of the spirituality and efficiency of His Church by the baptism of the Holy Ghost." Verily, God has accepted the thanksgivings of His people, and He has heard their prayers, and while they were yet speaking He has opened the windows of heaven upon them afresh. And the question is submitted, why shall not the *Home Mission day* become an institution in the Church? Surely the reasons for appointing such a day this year, are far greater than ever before, and while He answers prayer it may become the perpetual occasion of its own delightful and grateful repetition.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS AND UNDERTAKINGS.

Your Board has not been in a financial condition to urge or invite any new enterprises. The difficulty of providing for the work already in hand, or that is thrown providentially upon us, has cut us off from the privilege of seeking new fields. Still two churches have been organized during the year. One is at Jericho, L. I., and has called Mr. Henry De Vries to be its first pastor, and if it has not met with signal success it is certainly not due to the want of ability or consecration on the part of the Missionary. The second is at Lyonsville, N. Y., as a joint charge with Krumville, and under the pastoral care of the Rev. Paul T. Deyo. The pastorate has been a perpetual revival, adding substantially a hundred names on confession to the membership of the two churches. Perhaps a year more will make this enterprise self-sustaining.

It must be borne in mind that our Mission is to a very large extent to the poor and laboring classes, and that in a large degree the additions are from our own families, whose accession does not immediately add very much to the financial strength of the congregations; still we already begin to feel the impulse of the new accessions in the earnest look towards speedy self-support. We have only to reach business prosperity in order to secure large reductions in the amount of aid needed from this Board.

THE TREASURY.

In the remarkable Providences of God which characterize this year, there are few that are more striking than those which relate to the financial resources of this Board. It is evident that the

Church feels that this is no time to leave the Mission forces half supported, or to halt the advancing columns of the Lord's host, and bid them *retrench* in the blessed work of salvation. As will appear from the analysis given below, the difference between the amounts contributed this year and last is very small, yet that the contributions in each year are over \$10,000 short of the requirements of the work. For the last three years God's dear people who have been gathered to their rest have literally carried this work. But for their generous, Providential, almost prescient beneficence, we would have had to recall the laborer and hush the voice of the ambassador on many a field from which now a glorious harvest has been gathered. What greater reward for those who look upon the work of time by the light of eternity! In view of this fact, we ask. Is it wise or just to leave the Board in this condition? Have we reached the utmost limit of contribution?

We present the following suggestive comparative statement from the Treasurer:

	1876.	1877.	Decrease.	Increase.
Received from Churches.....	\$16,004 02	\$15,882 89	\$121 13	
“ “ Sunday Schools	2,453 98	2,450 67	3 31	
“ “ Individuals ..	3,712 60	3,386 26	326 34	
Total of contributions.....	\$22,170 60	\$21,719 82	\$450 78	
Received from legacies....	6,180	14,266 34		\$8,086 34
Total income.....	\$28,350 60	\$35,986 16	\$450 78	\$8,086 34
Total amount of Inc. for 1877. •	7,635 56			
	<u>\$35,986 16</u>	<u>\$35,986 16</u>		

The Synod will perceive at once that the difference between the amount expended in the necessary conduct of our work, \$35,986 16, and the amount of income from contributions, \$21,719 82, is too great to be either wise or safe. It would not be true economy to do less, nor true wisdom to attempt to do more, without more resources.

ECONOMY IN MANAGEMENT.

It is not possible, ordinarily, either to receive or to acknowledge the receipt of money without some expense. It necessarily costs something to visit Classes, Churches and individuals; to repair and set in motion again church machinery which has stopped; to come personally in contact with men and things and motives which involve

relations to the Board, which in the long run, call for the expenditure of large amounts of money—but *it pays to do so*. But in every possible way your Board has economized. We are certain that none can feel the sacred character of the means committed to our charge more deeply than the members of the Board have done. And in sympathy with the general depression in everything, and the burdens that all have to bear, the Corresponding Secretary, of his own motion, has requested the Board to reduce his salary by ten per cent. from January last. The effort has been to bring the expenses of management to the lowest possible limit consistent with true economy.

CHURCH BUILDINGS BEGUN AND FINISHED.

The Second Church of Pekin, Ill., has begun and finished a neat and commodious church edifice.

Ridgewood, N. J., has entered upon the work of building their church.

Second Newtown, L. I., has been placed entirely out of debt on their church property.

Third Grand Rapids has been enabled to secure a basement and Sunday-school room.

The Holland Church of New York City has at last been placed in possession of a comfortable Church home free from debt, and where they can worship God without molestation.

Aid has also been extended to the First Church of Long Island City; Holland, Lodi, N. J.; Greenpoint, L. I.; Second Pella, Iowa; Holland, Passaic, Asbury Park, N. J.; Peekskill, N. Y.; Jersey City Heights; Third Bayonne, N. J.; Wallkill Valley, N. Y.; Annandale, N. J.; First Church Orange, N. J.; either in small contributions to aid them out of difficulty, or as assistance in paying their interest.

THE CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

To accomplish the above work 109 churches

out of 500 contributed.....	\$3,430 35
Sabbath-schools contributed.....	473 81
And Individuals.....	336 85

Making a total of.....	<hr/> \$4,241 01
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Income from interest.....	\$352 77	
For Hymns of the Church.....	199 17	
For Bond and Mortgage cashed.....	2,300	
Loan from A. V. Z., for Long Island City	1,000	3,851 94
Total Income		<u>\$8,092 95</u>
Indebtedness May, 1876.....	\$5,207 17	
Expenditures.....	6,951 07	
Due Children's Centennial Church.	609 42	
Due A. V. Z.....	1000	
		<u>\$13,767 66</u>
Income.....		8,092 95
		<u>\$5,674 71</u>
Net Indebtedness.....		

This indebtedness absorbs the entire balance in favor of the Domestic Mission account, and some \$250 more. We have repeatedly commended this vital portion of our church extension work to the General Synod. We could only repeat arguments which have not been available in the past. \$20,000 per year would act like an inspiration upon our church extension work, and would save us a large portion of the expenditure now made in less profitable ways. We await the wisdom of the wise and good in our beloved Zion.

SELF-SUSTAINING CHURCHES.

Two Churches, both at the East, have assumed their own support, unaided during the past year. They are Fair Haven, N. Y., and Boonton, N. J. There are several others to whom the Board has been compelled to grant temporary aid to tide them over the shoals, who will endeavor henceforth to maintain the struggle alone. The Board has deemed it better policy to grant them friendly help for the time, rather than to attempt to reconstruct a wreck afterwards; and we believe the wisdom of the plan is apparent.

EMPLOYMENT OF THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

This is a form of Missionary labor outside of the ordinary operations of the Board, and not subject to existing regulations in all other cases. It is of great value to the Churches as well as to the students. The universal testimony is that the labor performed has been of the highest character. But now the Middle Classes

are added to the Seniors, and so large an amount of Missionary help is so suddenly precipitated upon us that it can hardly be used without a waste of men or of means, unless Churches and Classes will interest themselves thoroughly in its employment. We commend the matter to the consideration of the General Synod.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

The most fragrant and refreshing portion of the Report we present to the Synod is yet to follow. Our covenant-keeping God has not only remembered us but our children also. We have never had such a blessed work to report in all our history. 358 in our Missions, and many hundreds more in churches not under the care of your Board, have been enrolled under the banner of the Cross during the past year. We render adoring thanks to God for His covenant love.

We submit the report of the Rev. N. D. Williamson, the Western Missionary Sabbath-school Superintendent.

SOUTH BEND, IND., May 5th, 1877.

To the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America:

Dear Brethren—One item of my former reports, “Churches with Sunday-schools” can now be omitted. For the number of Sunday-schools has nearly reached that of churches, and in hope that the other churches of the Synod will soon feel that they can have Sunday-schools too, without endangering their valuable catechetical services. The schools in the various Classes, ten of which are new, are represented by the following figures:—

Classes.	S. Schools.	Off. & Teachers.	Scholars.	Total enroll.	Ave. Atten.
Grand River..	13	242	1,983	2,225	1,762
Holland.....	15	232	2,032	2,264	1,733
Illinois.....	27	331	2,487	2,818	2,095
Michigan.....	11	162	1,355	1,517	993
Wisconsin....	14	198	1,717	1,915	1,465
Total..	80	1,165	9,574	10,739	8,048

This is a substantial gain over last year in each of the Classes, in all these departments, evidenced by an increase in the “average attendance” of 812. The reports of these Classes to General Synod show a gain of 884 in the “Total No. of Scholars.” Of the 80 schools 60 are open the entire year.

The great blessing of the year has been spiritual. The Synod reports 1,399 received in the Churches on confession of faith, against 569 the previous year, and 602, the largest number before. In this large advance the Divine blessing has given the Sunday-schools a goodly share. One school reports 80 members contributed to the Church, two others, 50 each, and so on. In a few of the Churches nearly all the new members came from the schools; in others two-thirds; in others one-half; in others one-third. The schools have not all reported, but it will be safe to say that one half of the converts came from the Sabbath-schools. We can rejoice together before the Lord!

Cordially yours,

N. D. WILLIAMSON, W. M. S. S.

REV. J. WEST, D.D.

REMOVALS AND CHANGES.

Rev. John H. Pitcher, after a successful ministry, has relinquished the charge of Westerlo, N. Y., and Rev. W. D. Buckelew, has succeeded him.

Rev. A. Matthews has resigned at Jersey City Heights, and the field is supplied by a Theological student.

Rev. L. J. Hulst has been called from the Church of Danforth, Ill., to the Fourth Church of Grand Rapids. Danforth is still vacant.

Rev. John Huizinga has been transferred from the Churches of Amelia C. H., and Matoax, Va., to Holland Neb. The Virginia Churches are not supplied.

Rev. Henry A. Friedel has been called to the new German Church of Flatbush, L. I.

Rev. E. Vander Hart has been recalled from the Church of Battle Creek, Mich., to the Second Church of Grand Haven, Mich.

Rev. Henry K. Boer has been called from the Church of Detroit, Mich., to the long vacant Churches of Buffalo and Dunkirk, N. Y.

Rev. M. Kiekintveld has been called from Polkton, Mich., to Detroit.

Rev. A. Zwemer has resigned the charge of the Holland Church, Albany, and has been called to Graafschap, Mich.

Rev. Wm. H. Van Doren has relinquished the charge of the Church of West End, N. J. The place has not been supplied.

Rev. George R. Garretson has resigned the joint charge of Laurel Hill and First Long Island City. No succession has as yet been appointed.

Rev. Paul T. Deyo has been called to the joint charge of Krumville and Lyonsville, where most signal blessings have already followed his labors.

Rev. Isaac G. Ogden has been settled over the Church of Buskirks Bridge, N. Y.

Rev. A. C. Millsbaugh has been called to the pastorate of the Church of Schoharie Mountain, who also supplies Central Bridge, N. Y.

The Rev. Charles W. Wilson, a faithful and devoted Missionary, has been called to his rest from Two Rivers, Wis.

Rev. J. Howard Van Doren has resigned at Cato, N. Y., and has become the pastor of the Church at Tyre, made vacant by the resignation of Rev. W. D. Buckelew. Rev. J. W. Te Winkel, after a brief pastorate at Clymer Village, was called to Kalamazoo, Mich.

Rev. J. W. Warnshuis has been called to the Church at Clymer Village, and has met with most cheering success.

Rev. John Boehrer has been called from the joint charge of Naumburgh and New Bremen, N. Y. His place has not yet been supplied.

Mr. Helenus E. Nies, a student of Holland Seminary, has been called to Saugatuck, Mich., and has had abundant seals to his ministry.

Rev. Paul F. Schulke has been settled over the Second Church of Pekin, Ill.

Rev. D. Broek has been called from Cleveland, O., to the vacant congregation of Polkton, Mich.

Rev. J. N. Crocker has been settled over the Second Church of Schenectady, N. Y.

Mr. Henry De Vries, of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, has been settled over the newly organized Church of Jericho, L. I.

Rev. R. Wells, D.D., has been settled over the Church of Cato, N. Y.

CONCLUSION.

The review of the work of the Board for the year, and of the great and signal mercies of God towards it, we are convinced, can-

not fail to excite the profoundest thanksgivings to God on the part of the General Synod, and of the whole Church. Nor can the Board repress the expression of adoring gratitude to the Head and King of Zion, and renewed confidence and love to his loyal, loving, faithful people who have so generously maintained the work.

The term of service of the following members of the Board expires June, 1877.

Rev. William Ormiston, D.D.,	Rev. William H. Gleason,
" Charles I. Shepard,	Mr. S. R. W. Heath,
" Oliver E. Cobb,	" S. B. Stewart,
" Goyn Talmage, D.D.,	" John A. Hardenbergh.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. WEST, *Cor. Sec.*

Approved and ordered to be printed.

New York, May 12, 1877.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND RESULTS.

Churches and Missions aided.....	99
At the East, with 49 Missionaries and 2,835 families..	54
“ West, with 38 “ “ 2,714 “ ..	43
“ South.....	2
Number of Missionaries employed.....	88
“ Families.....	5,549
“ Members.....	7,856
“ Received on Confession.....	1,193
“ Certificate.....	662
Whole number of Sabbath-schools reported.....	118
“ “ organized.....	21
“ Scholars, average attendance.....	9,976
“ Conversions reported in S. Schools.	358
“ Church buildings begun, finished, and aided.....	17
Whole number of Churches organized.....	2
“ “ self-sustaining.....	2
Contributions to the Board of Domestic Missions.....	\$1,274 00
“ by the Missions to other Benevolent ob- jects.....	3,752
Whole amount received into the Treasury.....	35,986 16

The Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America, in account with JOHN R. SMITH, Treasurer.

Dr.

April 30, 1877.

To Cash payments, as follows :

to Missionaries.....	\$31,694 51	
to Missionary for removal.....	75	
to Sunday-school Books.....	87 40	
	<hr/>	\$31,856 91
Salary Corresponding Secretary.....	2,900	
Rent of Office.....	408 33	
Fuel, repairs, &c.....	40 74	
Office and traveling expenses Corresponding Secretary.....	175 93	
Printing Annual Reports, Receipts and Circulars.....	181 50	
Postage and Wrappers.....	44 20	
Advertising "Acknowledgements" in the "Gospel Sower".....	95 25	
Commissioner's fees for receipt for legacy Treasurer, for Postage and Rev. Stamps, Stationery and allowance for Clerk hire (apportioned).....	1 325	
	<hr/>	4,171 95
To Balance to new account.....		4,216 12
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		\$40,244 98

NEW YORK, May 1, 1877.

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May 1, 1876.

By Balance from old account..... \$4,258 82

April 30, 1877.

By Contributions as follows:

from Churches.....	\$15,882 89	
from Sunday Schools.....	2,450 67	
from Individuals.....	3,386 26	
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Total Contributed.....	21,719 82	
from Legacies.....	14,266 34	
	<hr/>	35,986 16
Total Income.....		\$40,244 98

JOHN R. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1, 1877.

We, the undersigned Committee have examined the above Statement, with vouchers, and find the same correct.

S. B. STEWART,
W. H. GLEASON.

*The Church Building Fund of the Reformed Church in America,
in account with JOHN R. SMITH, Treasurer.*

Dr.

May 1st, 1876.

To Balance from old account..... \$5,207 17

April 30th, 1877.

To cash to Churches as follows :

First Church, Long Island City, L. I..	\$1,000
Reformed P. D. Church, Lodi, N. J...	300
Reformed D. Church, Greenpoint, L. I.	1,000
German Sec'nd R. Ch., Newtown, L. I.	500
Third Grand Rapids, Mich.....	500
Second Pekin, Ill.....	500
Asbury Park, N. J.....	9
Second Pella, Iowa.....	500
Peekskill, N. Y....	300

4,609

To Churches for payment of interest on loans, viz :

Jersey City Heights, N. J.....	560
Holland Church, Passaic, N. J.....	50
Third Bayonne, N. J.....	245
Wallkill Valley, N. Y.....	400
Annandale, N. J.....	140
First Orange, N. J.....	175

1,570

To Interest on loans..... 492 31

To Insurance on Churches..... 53 20

To counsel fees, \$50 ; Commissioner's fees, \$1.56 51 56

To proportion of allowance to Treasurer for
clerk hire, stationery, cheque and postage
stamps.....

175

\$12,158 24

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April 30th, 1877.

By contributions as follows, viz :

Cash from Churches.....	\$3,430 35	
“ “ Sunday-schools.....	473 81	
“ “ Individuals.....	336 85	
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Total contributions (of which \$770 31 was for specific objects).....		\$4,241 01
By cash received for interest.....	352 77	
“ “ John I. Brower, Treasurer General Synod, for royalty on Hymns of the Church.....	199 17	
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		551 94
By cash on assignment of M. Vreedenburgh's bond and mortgage.....		2,300
By cash loan of A. V. Z. for the First Church, Long Island City, L.I.....		1,000
By balance.....		4,065 29
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		\$12,158 24
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JOHN R. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May 1, 1877.

We, the undersigned Committee, have examined the above statement, with vouchers, and find the same correct.

S. B. STEWART,
W. H. GLEASON.

MEMORANDUM.

Balance indebtedness.....	\$4,065 29
Due A. V. Z. loan.....	1,000
Children's Centennial Church.....	609 42
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Deficiency.....	\$5,674 71
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THE
FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Board of Foreign Missions
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA,
AND
Twentieth of Separate Action,
WITH THE
Treasurer's Tabular and Summary Report of Receipts,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1877.

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REPORT.

THE Board' of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America respectfully presents to the General Synod the following Report of the forty-fifth year of its existence, and twentieth year of separate and independent action :

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

At the first meeting of the Board, held on June 22, 1876, the death of Sanford Cobb, Esq., the Vice-President, was announced, and the following minute was adopted and entered upon the records :

“The Board of Foreign Missions has heard, with regret and sorrow, of the death of its Vice-President, Sanford Cobb, Esq. In common with all the benevolent societies of the Church of Christ, this Board is greatly indebted to the counsel and efforts and liberality of our Christian business men. Among them, Mr. Cobb held a prominent position. His valuable services have been enjoyed by this department of the work of the Church since 1858. When, in that year, the Reformed Church undertook the management and support of its Missions, we were without experience, and it was of the greatest importance that the enterprise should be entrusted to men whose character and ability would command on the one hand the confidence of the Church, and insure on the other hand, so far as human influence could, the success of the work. Mr. Cobb was one of the first selected as a member of the Board. His hearty and intelligent attachment, for many years, to the cause of Foreign Missions, his high Christian character and his superior wisdom, commended him for the position. He was at once made a member of the Executive Committee, and in 1865 became its Chairman and Vice-President of the Board, in the place of Mr. William B. Crosby. During a large portion of the past eleven years, Mr. Cobb has been the acting President of the Board, while Dr. Thomas De Witt was

failing through age. While giving his personal attention faithfully to the affairs of the Board and performing promptly the duties of his offices, and rendering service of the highest value, he gave constantly and most generously for the support of the Missions. And now this Board heartily records upon its minutes its high appreciation of these years of Christian fidelity and philanthropy. We are thankful that the good Lord prolonged this useful life to more than three score and ten years, and gave to us so large a portion of its ripe experience and the fellowship of its matured piety."

At the meeting of October 11th, the Rev. E. P. Terhune, D. D., who was about to visit Europe, with the expectation of making his home there for some time, tendered his resignation. It was accepted, and the Rev. Chester D. Hartranft, D. D., was elected to fill the vacancy. The Hon. D. P. Ingraham was elected at the first meeting of the Board to fill the place of Sanford Cobb, Esq., on the Executive Committee, and the Committee made him its Chairman. At the same meeting of the Board, Theodore L. Mason, M. D., was elected to the office of Vice-President. At the meeting held on October 11th, 1876, A. V. W. Van Vechten, Esq. resigned the position of Treasurer *pro tem.*, and Mr. Gamaliel G. Smith was elected Treasurer.

AGENCIES EMPLOYED.

The returned missionaries, Rev. Jared W. Scudder, M. D., and Ezekiel C. Scudder, M. D., have visited the Churches as often as they have had the opportunity, and have presented the condition and wants of the great field before us, and the success which has attended missionary effort, especially in India.

The intelligence received from the Missions has been promptly published in the columns of the *Christian Intelligencer* and of the *Sower and Gospel Field*. Feeling the importance of reaching the members of the Churches, as widely as possible, with information respecting the work entrusted to our care, and in relation to systematic benevolence, the Board has printed or purchased and circulated 700 copies of a tract entitled *So Many Calls*, 9,000 of a tract entitled *So Much To Do At Home* (printed by permission of the American Board), nearly 12,000 of the tract *Our Foreign Missions*, 500 of Dr. Treat's paper read before the Annual Meeting of the

American Board, on the *Missionary Consecration of Pastors*; 1,000 of Dr. Clark's paper, read at the same meeting, on a *Century of Christian Progress*, and 1,500 copies of the *Centennial Discourse on Foreign Missions*, by Rev. William R. Duryee, D. D. These papers have been circulated at an expense of \$176 75 for printing, and \$30 22 for postage—in all, \$206 97.

The Board is constrained to reiterate the statements presented in its last Report, in relation to the dissemination of missionary intelligence and the reasons for a persistent, generous support of Missions to the heathen. We feel the need of a publication that can be furnished at so moderate a price that it can be subscribed for by every family of the denomination, or that can be purchased by the hundred copies by nearly every congregation, and generally distributed. We incline more and more, as our experience grows, towards the publication of a monthly paper. We gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to the pastors who have faithfully and with earnestness brought this great business home to the hearts and consciences of their people, but it is from many of these very men that we receive frequent and urgent requests for intelligence in such a form that it can be put in the hands of every family under their care. It was these pastors chiefly who ordered and distributed the nearly 12,000 copies of the tract, *Our Foreign Missions*, within less than two months of the past year. And we believe that the large majority of them desire a cheap monthly publication.

RE-ENFORCEMENTS.

It was reported to the last Synod that the Rev. James L. Amerman had been commissioned as a missionary to Japan. We have now only to mention that Mr. Amerman reached Yokohama in July last, and is engaged in the work to which he was especially appointed.

We refer with sadness to the steady diminution of our missionary force in India and China. Our weakness a year ago awakened within us serious apprehensions, but we are weaker to-day. The Rev. E. C. Scudder, M. D., left India in April of last year, and arrived here in September, to remain with us as an American pastor. Of some other brethren who have returned to us to recruit, there is some doubt whether they will be able to go back to the Missions.

These vacancies could be filled; there are brethren who have intimated to us their willingness to occupy them, but the income of the Treasury from the contributions of the Churches has been so reduced, and the responses to our appeals are so infrequent in number and so sadly diminished in the amount remitted, that we have not felt the Board to be authorized to offer a commission to any applicant. Our small force on the field constantly entreats us to send the help that is imperatively necessary if our work is to be maintained only at its present standard. It is extremely painful to be compelled to constantly postpone a reply to these entreaties, but unless our revenues are increased no re-enforcement can be commissioned by us. To what a mere handful our body of missionaries is reduced appears in the reports of the Missions presented on subsequent pages. The attention of the General Synod is respectfully called especially to the decrease of our force in India and China, and we suggest the propriety of sending to the Classes, with all the weight of the authority and influence of the highest judicatory of the Church, a paper urging the necessity of giving such relief to the Treasury, on which the Missions of the Church depend, that it may be possible to send forth additional laborers, for unless a re-enforcement is sent before long, the existence of our Missions in India and China will be imperilled.

SURVEY OF THE MISSIONS.

THE AMOY MISSION, CHINA.

(Organized in 1844.)

The Mission occupies the following cities: Amoy, population 200,000; Chio-be, population, 60,000; Chiang-chiu, population 60,000; and Tong an, population 60,000. The territory traversed by the missionaries and native helpers, being between 50 and 60 miles in length and from 7 to 14 miles in breadth, has a population of more than three millions of souls, including that of the cities already mentioned.

The Rev. Leonard W. Kip reports as follows, in behalf of the Mission:

I now send the Report of the Amoy Mission for the year 1876.

Missionaries.—Revs. J. V. N. Talmage, D.D.; Leonard W. Kip, and D. Rapalje (until May 11th, when he left for the United States.)

Assistant Missionaries.—Mrs. Mary E. Talmage, Mrs. Helen C. Kip, Miss Mary E. Talmage, and Miss H. M. Van Doren (until March 13th, when she left for the United States).

Native Pastors.—Revs. Iap Han-chiong (of 2nd Church Amoy), Chhoa Thian-khit (of 1st Church Amoy), Tiong Iu-li (of Church at Chioh-be).

Other Native Preachers, 11. The one reported last year as seriously ill, died February 20th. Another preacher's name has been dropped from the list, as he has gone with his family to Formosa, and his return is uncertain.

Christian School-teachers, 5; *Theological Students,* 5; *Organized Churches,* 7; *Regular preaching places,* 16; *Schools* (including one girls' school), 6.

The Churches under the care of the English Presbyterian Mission are united with ours in one Classis or Tai-hoey. They are, therefore, as usual, included in the Statistical Table, which is as follows :

AMOY MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA
AND THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

Statistics for 1876.

CHURCHES.	Received on Confession.	Received on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Died.	Members Dec. 31, 1876.	Under Suspension.	Infants Baptized.	Boys in School.	Girls in School.	Contributions, (Chinese year, Feb. 5, 1875, to Jan. 26, 1876.)
First Amoy.....	2		1		1	91	2	4	13	7	279 52
Second ".....	7	3	6			131	6	7	31	30	288 99
Chioh-be ¹	4	3		3	2	84	11				109 35
O-kang ²	18					71	3	6	13		47 20
Hong-san ¹	1					74	4	5			154 08
Tong-an ¹		1		1		43	6	1			26 53
Chiang-chiu ⁴	31			1	1	97	7	7			62 94
Total, Am. Ref. Mission.....	63	7	7	5	4	591	39	30		37	\$968 61
Peh-chui-ia ²	6		10		2	88	5	5			150 65
Ma-peng ³	4		39		4	115	18				152 96
Ki-boey ¹	11		8			53	4				65 10
Kio-lai ⁵	30	7				120	1				99
Liong-bun-si ²	3	29			2	104	18	2			62 25
E-mung-kang.....		2	1			31	2				51 60
An-hai ²	6		2		3	96	7				65 33
Chin-chew ¹	10	2			1	51	3	14			48 63
Total, Eng. Pres. Mission.....	70	41	60		12	658	58	21			695 52
Total, both Missions.....	133	48	67	5	16	1241	97	51		37	\$1664 13

¹ Has two preaching places.

³ Has four preaching places.

² Has three " " "

⁴ Has five " " "

⁵ Has six preaching places.

The Table of Statistics shows 63 additions on confession. The net increase of membership is 54. As contrasted with 1875, when but 24 were received on confession, and the net increase was but 2, this enlargement of the Church is a reason for devout thankfulness. Still, it will be noticed that about one-half were received in the Chiang-chiu Church, and this Church, together with the O-kang Church, together have more than three-fourths of the entire number. The other Churches remain much as during the previous year. The Hong-san Church has suffered from the absence of their stated preacher. Because of the hope of his speedy return from Formosa, no one else was put in charge. But now it is necessary to provide a successor, under whose care, with the Divine blessing, we may hope for better things. The Tong-an Church has had a resident preacher for the latter half of the year, but the fruits of increased care are not yet apparent. A very worldly spirit pervades the Church, and calls for painful cases of discipline. Chioh-be, too, with its out-stations, has not shared the happiness of Chiang-chiu, only 12 miles away. Of the two Amoy Churches, the Second shows the most signs of life. The increased attendance at the meetings during the week of prayer encourages a hope that they are beginning to awake to their need of the Spirit's help.

Three new chapels have been opened during the year. One is on Little Quemoy Island. Two of those received by the O-kang Church were the first fruits from this island. The second new station is Poa-tau, a day's journey to the north of Tong-an, and a fine centre for a populous valley. As yet, we can only note that the "Strong Man" is feeling that he can no longer keep his goods in peace, as shown by the stones thrown at the chapel and the slanderous reports circulated. There is no nucleus of Christians about whom others may gather.

Such is not the case at our third new chapel. This is at Tian-po, which is a busy market-town, about 7 miles beyond Chiang-chiu. Here are four members, who were baptized at Chiang-chiu. In this connection, I may mention that we have moved from our retired position in the village of O-pi, on Amoy Island, to a larger building on the main road in the neighboring village of Kis-tau. The station of Toa-o, about 30 miles W. S. W. from Chiang-chiu, we are trying to move to Sio-khey, in the plain below. The opposition to

our occupying a house that we have rented is such that the case has been brought before the authorities, and is still pending. Only two were received in that region during the year. Great caution is needful, lest unworthy members be received, to be (as at Chatau-po) a cause of after trouble.

During the year, we have received valuable aid from Pastor Iap, of the Second Church. His assistance in visiting the stations is more than ever appreciated since Mr. Rapalje left us.

Besides the schools of the two Amoy Churches, there have been three country schools, viz: At Chioh-be, Te-soa, and Kang-tau. Of these country schools, the last is the only one that will probably be continued this year. But in the place of Chioh-be and Te-soa, we expect schools at Tong-an and Kio-tau. How to care for the children of the Church and yet not waste a teacher's strength on 5 or 6 scholars, is one of the questions that now perplex us. Another question is, how to get proper teachers. Both of these troubles will become smaller as the Church grows larger.

The meetings for women have been held, as heretofore, weekly, viz: With the women of the First Church by Mrs. Talmage, and of the Second Church by Mrs. Kip. Mrs. Talmage also has a meeting at her house, weekly, for the Kolongsu women. These meetings are a powerful auxiliary to the regular preaching of the Word in the Churches, as preparing the women to take a more intelligent part, and in fitting them for greater usefulness among their friends and neighbors.

The old edition of the *Forms* being exhausted, a new edition has been prepared and published in colloquial, at a cost of \$50 for 500 copies, unbound; copies being bound when required. The only other item in this department is our contribution towards cutting new blocks for the hymn book which is used by all the Churches.

In a review of the year, we see much to encourage us. It is true that several of the Churches are languishing, but their case is no worse than that of the Chiang-chiu Church not more than two years ago. And as God has been merciful to that Church, why not to these others also?

The increase at Chiang-chiu has been chiefly from men of the neighboring villages, who come to worship at the chapel in the city. Thus many villages are being leavened with the Gospel, and the

influence of the Church is spreading. We hope that the Lord has a great work for this Church to do, and that he is preparing his people for it. The region beyond is rich in promise, and we long for the day when we shall see it filled with Gospel centres. That the O-kang Church has also partaken of God's saving grace is a cause of thanksgiving, as well as hope that it may be preparatory to a greater work among the many villages of Amoy Island.

We begin the new year with increased hopes of better things to come. Pray for us, that these hopes may not be disappointed, but that the next yearly report may tell of greater enlargement, through the abounding mercy of the Lord to His Church.

THE WOMEN'S MEETINGS.

Mrs. M. E. Talmage reports :

It has been my privilege to meet very regularly with the women of the First Church of Amoy, on Fridays. Except in unfavorable weather, the attendance during the past year has varied from 13, the lowest number, to 28, the highest number at any time present. Fifteen can read the Romanized Colloquial, and a few of these also read the Chinese character. The first part of the year, we read together some of the Epistles of Paul, and those of the class who could, committed a portion of the Psalms to recite to me. After the Heidelberg Catechism was printed, I thought it would be beneficial to have that committed. We then read the Psalms together and had the recitation in the Catechism. I am very happy to report that 6 of the class have memorized the whole, and we are now reviewing it with the proofs. A number of the others have nearly completed it. I found by giving regular lessons, some of the more stupid ones became discouraged, so I now have each one to commit to memory as she has time or ability. The interest manifested in this lesson has pleased me much.

One young girl has been learning to read, and I hope ere long will be able to read with the class. This girl's father was a "helper," who, some years ago, died a very happy death. She was adopted by one of the Christians, and in a large family she does all the cooking, washing of clothes, etc., so she has very little time for study.

My class on Kolongsu is not so large, and the proportion of readers is much smaller. We have, for some time past, been reading the Gospel by Luke. We read the lesson twice, and then I question the women on the portion read. Lately, some of our Amoy members who can read have moved over to the island, and these form a pleasant addition to my class. As a result, we now have recitations after the lesson in the New Testament. The women who do not read are those who think they are too old or too stupid to learn, and in years past we tried faithfully to teach some of these women, but without success. One who has never seen an ignorant woman in China can scarcely conceive any idea of the *depth* of her ignorance. We hope that Christians at home will remember these classes in their prayers.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Miss Mary E. Talmage writes :

We have had a very good attendance through the year, having had 30 on our roll until within the last month or so, during which time 3 of our largest girls have left to be married. Two of these are already married, having married Helpers. The third is to be married in a week to a Christian man, a deacon in a country congregation about 8 miles from Amoy. There is another girl, who has been in school ever since it was established, who also expects to leave us before the year closes, to follow the example thus set her. She also marries a Helper. These leave a great vacancy, as they are our oldest girls. With one or two on the sick-list, we feel as if we were closing the year with a small school.

We expect, during the vacation, to go to some of the country stations to teach the women, and may also find some recruits for our school. Already we have heard of two or three who are expecting to join when we open next term, and I hope by the time the vacation is over we may be able to commence with our full number.

In Miss Van Doren's report for last year, she wrote that the oldest scholar was made teacher of the Chinese characters. She proved herself well capable of filling that position. The scholars studied hard and improved rapidly under her teaching. But just before the summer vacation her health failed, and what was still

more sad, her mind became seriously affected; so, of course, she had to give up teaching. She is now almost, if not entirely, well, but we did not employ her again, as the doctor said it would be too much of a risk. We were very sorry indeed to lose her. Her place as teacher has, since September, been filled by a classmate of her's, the daughter of the pastor of the Second Church of Amoy, a girl of 16 or 17. She was as far advanced in her studies as the former teacher, but was rather young for the position. Notwithstanding this, she has succeeded very well.

As a rule, the Chinese girls marry as soon, often before, they are grown. On this account, I suppose we shall not be able to keep a young lady teacher very long. The former teacher is expecting to be married in a few weeks. This seems to be an unusual year for weddings.

Some of our girls are very bright, and some are quite the contrary. One of the latter class joined us last September. She was 14 years old, and could only count up to 6. She could count 5 fingers on each hand, but could not count 10 on both hands. After being in school about 3 months, she left us, not able yet to read the Colloquial. The teaching she received could not have been all in vain, for I think she went home able to count as far as 8! It is not surprising that some of these girls are so stupid and ignorant. To any one acquainted with the way in which the great majority of Chinese girls are trained, and the homes in which they live, the wonder is that they know anything at all, or that they even live.

The last week was spent in the examinations. The girls studied very hard, preparing for it, so much so that we were afraid several of them would make themselves sick. The native pastor of the Second Church conducted the examination of the Chinese characters. He had also examined the boys' school only a few days before, and he remarked that the girls did much better than the boys, which pleased the former very much, especially as girls in China are considered of such little importance. The examination certainly did them credit.

It brought to mind the great examination day, and the hope that each might be as well prepared to meet that.

THE ARCOT MISSION, INDIA.

(Organized in 1854).

The Mission occupies :

The North Arcot District.—Area, 5,017 square miles ; population, 1,787,134.

The South Arcot District—Area, 4,076 square miles ; population, 1,261,846.

The force engaged consists of

Missionaries.—Revs. John Scudder, M. D., Secretary and Treasurer of the Mission, *Vellore* ; E. J. Heeren, *Mudnapilly* ; John H. Wyckoff, *Tindevanum* ; and Henry M. Scudder, M.D., *Arcot*. Revs. Jared W. Scudder, M.D., E. C. Scudder, M.D., and Jacob Chamberlain, M.D., at present in this country.

Assistant Missionaries.—The wives of the Messrs. Scudder, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Heeren, Mrs. Wyckoff, Miss Martha J. Mandeville, *Chittoor* ; and Miss Josephine Chapin, at present in this country.

Native Pastors.—Revs. Andrew Sawyer, *Chittoor* ; Zechariah John, *Arcot*.

Native Helpers.—Catechists, 22 ; Assistant Catechists, 1 ; Readers, 29 ; Schoolmasters, 13 ; Schoolmistresses, 9 ; Colporteurs, 2 ; total, 76.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Out Stations.	Communicants in 1875.	Communicants in 1876.	Baptized Adults not Communicants.	Baptized Children.	Catechumens.	Children of Catechumens.	Suspended	Scholars in Vernacular Schools.	Total in Congregations, 1875.	Total in Congregations, 1876.	Contributions.
Arcot.....	4	62	71	45	68	16	21	5	117	284	226	R. A. P.
Arnee.....	1	43	54	10	38	1	3	..	29	80	87	18 7 6
Aliandal.....	..	26	24	6	36	8	7	..	22	72	81	14 12 0
Chittoor.....	5	96	116	34	111	32	42	..	137	317	335	112 13 4
Coonoor.....	1	62	48	47	68	10	....	1	50	173	174	.....
Gnanodayam...	4	61	61	9	92	4	3	2	67	163	172	37 5 11
Kattupadi.....	..	10	13	3	9	5	9	..	33	22	39	6 8 0
Kolopakam.....	..	21	21	....	18	5	3	..	12	38	47	5 10 4
Kundipatoor...	..	26	28	6	16	3	2	1	56	53	56	19 13 7
Marutavambadi..	..	16	13	10	30	2	2	..	10	56	57	14 2 5
Mudnapilly....	7	24	23	12	34	1	....	3	15	193	191	29 15 3
Narasinganur..	..	30	32	....	43	6	5	..	19	80	86	11 2 0
Orattur.....	..	36	38	1	44	14	23	1	24	124	121	23 3 10
Palamanair....	1	20	17	2	18	5	....	1	18	41	43	10 5 0
Sattambadi.....	..	24	24	1	30	7	6	1	25	59	68	14 9 6
Sekadu.....	..	17	16	2	18	4	6	..	46	39	46	8 8 0
Tindevanum...	4	...	66	11	94	17	21	9	172	154	218	36 6 4
Vellambi.....	..	40	31	6	30	1	1	5	20	93	74	.....
Vellore.....	6	166	102	27	143	54	65	2	463	349	391	146 5 11
Total.....	33	780	778	232	846	195	219	31	1335	2390	2512	509 0 11

Rupees 509 in India are equal to about \$284 U. S. currency.

The Arcot Seminary for boys, at Vellore, has 29 pupils.

The Girls' Seminary, at Chittoor, has 42 pupils.

The Preparandi Class, at Arcot, has 16 pupils.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

ARCOT.

H. M. Scudder, M.D., *Medical Missionary*; Mrs. Scudder, *Assistant Missionary*; Rev. Zechariah John, *Native Pastor*; Abraham Muni, Simon, John Peter, *Catechists*; John Simon, Samuel Zechariah, Elijah, Suboo David, *Readers*; Avooramundrum, *Schoolmaster*.

Out Stations.—Manimuttu, Yagamoor, Kumalantagal, Vellambi, Pudupakam.

The Rev. Zechariah John reports: I took charge of the Arcot Church in April last. Besides the regular services on the Lord's Day, two weekly prayer-meetings have been held at the houses of members, and a female prayer-meeting at my house. The Sunday School has been regularly kept up, and the boys have made satisfactory progress in their Scripture lessons.

The statistics show a decrease of 59 souls in the congregation. This is owing to the fact that several families have removed from Arcot during the year, and connected themselves with other Churches, and seven members have died. I am happy to say that the members of the Church walk worthy of their vocation.

In regard to the congregations at the out stations, we feel both joy and sorrow.

At *Munimuttu* there has been considerable Sabbath-breaking, so that I was obliged to suspend one of the communicants from church privileges. The congregation numbers 29, and has lost 2 members by death during the year. In *Yagamoor*, it gives me pleasure to be able to say that the majority of the congregation have made real progress in spiritual things. Some of the baptized adults manifested a great desire to be admitted to the Lord's supper, but, as I found them very ignorant of the nature and meaning of the ordinance, I spent a long time in explaining it to them, and directed the Catechist to spend an hour or two daily in instructing them in this and other articles of our faith. In my succeeding visits I was happy to find that they had made great progress in the knowledge of these truths, and to know that their lives corresponded with the faith they professed. Being well satisfied that

they were worthy to come to the Lord's table, I admitted 15 of them, and baptized 3 heathen as Catechumens. There are some heathen here, also, who are inquiring anxiously about the way of salvation, and we trust the day is not far distant when we may welcome them into our Church. The school in this village numbers 25 scholars, and is in a very satisfactory condition. Of the Catechist, I am glad to say that he is faithful and laborious in doing his work.

About the *Kumalantangal* congregation there is little of interest to report. It numbers 25, and the school has been but poorly attended, and that by very small children. Service on the Sabbath and catechetical instruction have been kept up regularly.

At *Vellambi*, famine has been raging for the last few months, and many of the people have deserted their village, and gone elsewhere in search of food. Some have been in such utter want that they have made raids upon the houses of the white ants, in order to get the food which the ants had so industriously stored up. Three members have left the congregation and joined the Church at Arcot. One has died. The school is doing well, and the children have made commendable progress in their lessons. The Catechist is a good man, and faithful in the discharge of his duties.

At *Pudupakum*, the Reader and the church members were in a state of enmity when I assumed charge of the congregation. On investigating the matter I found both parties blamable, and admonished them to be reconciled by forgiving one another's fault. My efforts were not in vain, and, in place of animosity and discord, peace and concord now reign in the Church. I am sorry to note a neglect on the part of the parents in sending their children to school; I have advised them on this point, but, as yet, with little effect.

Street preaching has been maintained in Arcot, at the Hospital, and at five out stations. Addresses, 1,234; number in audiences, 20,297; books given, 89.

ARNEE.

V. Yesadian, H. P. Joseph, John Abraham, *Catechists*; Samuel Vedamanikam, *Reader*; Natchataram, *Colporteur*; Rachel, *School-mistress*.

Out Stations.—Sevur, Alliendal.

The Rev. John Scudder writes :

This station still suffers for the want of a resident missionary. I have visited it and the out stations as often as other duties would permit. Divine services have been held as usual, and the congregations instructed weekly in the Catechism. The sacraments have been administered whenever the Missionary was present. There has been an increase in the total of all the congregations, amounting to 16. Several communicants have been dismissed to other Churches, and 2 have died. Two have been added to the communion of the Church, on confession of their faith. One adult and 7 children have been baptized. A village, namely Parasoor, formerly connected with this station, has been abandoned, as the few persons there showed no true desire to remain Christians. Schools have been maintained at all the places. The one at Alliendal is in a good condition ; the others are not very satisfactory. The famine, cholera, and other diseases, have rendered it almost impossible to even maintain them at their present status.

The Helpers have continued to preach the Gospel in the surrounding villages, with the following results : They have preached 588 times, to 11,769 people, distributed gratuitously 130 books and tracts, and sold 204.

CHITTOOR.

Rev. Andrew Sawyer, *Native Pastor* ; Johnson, *Catechist* ; Lazar, M. Joshua, D. Vareed, Tredwell, *Readers*.

Out Stations.—Basapalli, Bomaisamudrum, Kottapalli, Ramapuram, Timsampalli.

The Rev. Andrew Sawyer writes as follows :

Daily prayers are held in the Mission Compound. Divine services have been regularly held on the Sabbath, both in the morning and the evening. The Lord's Supper has been administered every second month.

The whole congregation is catechized every Lord's Day, immediately after morning service.

Three weekly prayer-meetings are held at the houses of the members of the congregation, and a prayer-meeting for the women has been conducted by Miss Mandeville.

The congregation have listened with great earnestness to the preached Word, and have, I trust, made progress in their knowledge of Divine things.

By the grace of the Great Head of the Church, Christ Jesus, all the congregations, both at Chittoor and at the out stations, have improved during the year. They have shown a great desire to hear the truth as it has been preached and sung in lyrics, and, being urged by this truth, they have endeavored to gain a better knowledge of it from their Catechisms, and also to avoid sin and walk uprightly.

Street Preaching and Touring.—In order to proclaim the Gospel to those who are held in Satan's bonds, besides the usual street preaching, I, together with the other Helpers, have toured among the heathen villages. When we spoke to the people about sin and salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, some listened attentively, but others were most abusive, and despised and rejected the word of truth. As the seed hidden in the ground is caused by the rain to germinate and grow, so, if the Lord will only pour out His spirit upon the seed of truth sown in their hearts, it will spring up and bring forth fruit. May the Lord thus graciously give us an out-pouring of His spirit. The following are the statistics of this work:

	No. Places Preached in.	No. of Audiences.	No. of Books Given.
Chittoor.....	217	4,364	63
Timsanpalli.....	187	4,241	59
Kottapalli.....	95	737	4
Bommaisamudrum ..	247	4,324	33
Ramapuram.....	160	2,832	4
Total	906	16,498	163

COONNOOR.

Samson Samuel, *Catechist*; Francis Nathaniel, *Teacher*.

As the Mission was compelled, on account of his frequent sickness, to remove the Rev. Z. John from this station, and is unable to carry it on properly, it was decided to pass Coonoor and its out-station Kotagiri, over to some other society. The Basil Mission has assumed the work at Kotagiri, and there is a probability that the Wesleyan Missionary Society will take the charge of Coonoor. Both Rev. John Scudder, M.D., and Rev. Z. John have visited the station and cared for its interests, the former spending three months of the last summer there.

Four persons have been admitted to Church membership on confession, and 1 by certificate. Eleven children have been baptized. The day school of 50 scholars has been in a prosperous condition. The prevalence of intemperance has been a great obstacle to improvement and progress, but this evil has been somewhat arrested during the year, and some hitherto intemperate have become members of the Coonoor Temperance Society.

GNANODIAM.

Moses Nathaniel and Samuel Sawyer, *Catechists*; Souriappen, *Reader*; Christian Daniel and K. Zechariah, *Schoolmasters*; Anna and Arokiam, *Schoolmistresses*; Matthew, *Colporteur*.

Out Stations.—Arulnadu, Sattambady, Siradalapundi and Paraiyantangal.

The Rev. John Scudder writes :

There has been but little change in the congregations in these villages, and that little for the better. There has been an increase of fifteen in the number of Christians. Fifteen children have been baptized. The services have been maintained regularly. I have visited the Churches a number of times, and administered the sacraments.

Day and Night Schools have been held in all the villages, except Arulnadu. The children of this place attend the school in Gnanodiam. There has been an improvement in the standard of scholarship in all the schools, but the number of pupils has been somewhat less. This is doubtless owing to the necessity of the children's earning their own living in this time of scarcity.

Street preaching has been continued in all the surrounding villages, with the following results : The Helpers have preached 599 times, to 9,312 people, and distributed gratuitously 36 books and tracts, and sold 377.

It has been a very trying year for the Christians in these villages, especially for those in Gnanodiam and Arulnadu. The greater part of their crops have failed for the past year and a half, and yet, notwithstanding this, they have been compelled to pay the taxes on their lands. Several families, in order to do so, have sold the only bullocks they possessed. They have made petition after petition to the district officials, begging for a remission of the tax

only on that part of the land where the crops have been a total failure, but without any effect. With their last petition I sent a letter, seconding their request, and stating that I did this after a personal inspection of their lands. Notwithstanding all these efforts, their requests have been ignored, and the tax has been demanded from a starving people. They have not had even sufficient food to put in their mouths, much less the ability to meet these demands, and, as they were in danger of losing their land, I was compelled to pay the tax from private funds. In one case, at least, money which was given them as cooley to keep them from starving, had to be paid to the government, not for taxes, but for a demand notice served on them because the taxes which they were unable to pay, and which they had begged might be remitted, were in arrears. Through the kindness of some friends, these people have been kept from starvation. Had they not been aided, they would have starved, as they could obtain no cooley work and no relief works have been opened in this region. Their condition is still deplorable, and they must be helped for some time to come. The aid rendered them thus far has been by furnishing them work. Gratuitous aid has only been given to the sick and infirm. The only aid we have thus far received to help us in sustaining the native Christians has been in answer to private appeals to our friends. The government has rendered us no assistance, although I have sought it twice. We tender our most heartfelt thanks to all kind friends who have helped us.

The condition of the Christians in Sattambady, Siradalapundi, and Paraiyantangal, though pitiable, has not been so deplorable. Aid has been given to enable them to deepen their wells. This has given them food for the time being, and water to enable them to grow their food for the future. Still they will need help for months to come, and we believe the Lord will send us funds for this purpose, even though Government will not.

The church building at Sattambady has at last been finished, and it was dedicated in October to the service of the Triune God. It has been partly built by the Christians. They made all the bricks and furnished nearly all the cooley work. The Mission furnished the timber and chunam, and paid for the masons' and carpenters' work. The people deserve great credit for their determined

efforts to bear their share in erecting the church, and we are rejoiced to see them show signs of a disposition to be independent and self-supporting. The congregation is steadily growing, and additions are being made to it yearly from the heathen. Towards the end of the year, 4 families joined it, but their members are not included in this report, as we prefer to see if they will remain firm before numbering them among the Christians. Many more are talking of coming, and I trust it will not be long before the most, if not all, of the families in Sattambady will be added to the congregation.

MUDANAPALLI.

Rev. E. J. Heeren, *Missionary*; Mrs. Heeren, *Assistant Missionary*; P. Souri, J. Pakyanadan, *Catechists*; V. Thomas, *Assistant Catechist*; J. Balachenzu, J. Zechariah, and Y. Trael, *Readers*.

Out Stations.—Timmareddipalli, Tipparazupalli, Nalaporapalli, Nalcheruvupalli, Gorlapalli, Chinforapalli, Podalorapalli.

The Rev. E. J. Heeren reports :

The numerical strength of the congregation is about the same as it was last year, but the financial strength is far less. The contributions have declined rupees 23. Considering the famine prices, which are higher here than in any other part of the field, those who have continued to give their mite at stated times, while others withheld it, are deserving of praise.

The attendance at the Sabbath services has been good, and the three weekly prayer-meetings have been well kept up. Five infants have been baptized. There is also a fair growth in grace and in the knowledge of Divine things in that part of the congregation which resides at Mudanapalli. Three members were suspended.

The school has had a daily average attendance of 15, and would have had a larger number had not the health of the Teacher been so unsteady, he having frequently suffered from fever. Notwithstanding this drawback, the scholars have made encouraging progress.

Of the out stations, of which there are still seven, I cannot give a flattering report. At one the people have had a bad leader, and at nearly all we are called to mourn over the inability to retain the truths that are preached and taught. Even where the disposition

is good, this weakness is sadly manifest. At Gorlapalli the head man died. He it was who said, when all the rest spoke of leaving Christianity, actuated by superstitious fear, "Sir, I have received the Christian religion, and shall never give it up. I believe in Jesus Christ, and shall continue to believe in Him as my Saviour." He held this confidence to the end. He is a great loss, for he was the leader of the people. At Podalavaripalli 4 adults desire baptism. There are 36 families, of 76 adults and 68 children, making a total of 144 souls, at these seven out stations, who are counted as Christians, and working among them are 4 families of native Helpers.

PALAMANAIR.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Heeren, *Missionaries* : John Souri, *Catechist* : Samuel Abram, *Reader*.

Mr. Heeren writes :

The congregation is very nearly the same in numbers as it was last year. Some have left, but others have come to fill their places. There have been 2 removals by death. The attendance at Sabbath services has, on the whole, been good, considering the obstacle and temptation—the Sunday bazaar or weekly market held near our place of worship every Sabbath. A promise, made at the beginning of the year, by the Collector of the District, led us to look for this weekly bazaar reverting again to some week-day. But we regret that our experience regarding the Collector in *this* respect is not "*factis non verbis*," but "*verbis non factis*."

The day school has been well attended during the first and latter part of the year. We were obliged to be away from the station for some months. After returning to it we found that the school had gone back; but it gives us pleasure to add that the Teacher has since then, judging from numbers and progress made, gone to work in earnest,

The weekly prayer-meeting has been kept up, and has been usually well attended. The general health of the people has been good. Owing to the high price of everything, in this time of famine, the contributions are much less than last year. Street and village preaching has been carried on as follows: Times preached, 250; different villages visited, 50; total of hearers, 5,442; books sold or given, 22.

Thus, year after year, the work of the Lord is carried on amid encouragements and difficulties. That which we need and desire above all is an outpouring of God's Spirit.

TINDEVANUM.

Rev. John H. Wyckoff, *Missionary*; Mrs. Emmeline F. L. Wyckoff, *Assistant Missionary*; Paul Bailey, Joseph Paul, Anthony, Isaac Henry, *Catechists*; Solomon, Baber, Prakasam, Shadrach, Lazar, *Readers*; Francis, Souri Muttu, and Sherhai, *Schoolmasters*; Mary and Elizabeth, *Schoolmistresses*.

Out Stations.—Oruttur, Adanur, Nansinur, Kolopakam, Mandikapattu, Varikkal, Tandasamudram.

The Rev. Mr. Wyckoff reports:

This station, with its accompanying villages, was put under my charge at the beginning of the year. The Mission have long had it in view to place a missionary here, but not till the present time have they seen their way clear to do so. It was undoubtedly a wise step, and well that it was not delayed longer, as the missionary appointed by the Leipsig Lutherans to occupy Tindevanum has not yet arrived, and, by coming here immediately, I have anticipated him, and our Mission has clearly the advantage.

Our congregation has increased from 21 to 45, 7 of which are conversions from heathenism. Services have been held twice on the Sabbath, and a weekly prayer-meeting instituted and kept up. The Vernacular school, now numbering more than 60 scholars, has been established in the centre of the town, and is drawing boys from all classes. A book shop has been opened in the bazaar street, where books and papers are kept for perusal and sale, and where there is preaching nearly every day in the week. A girls' school, hitherto supported by the natives, has been offered to our Superintendent, with the privilege of introducing our books and the Bible, and is only wanting the sanction of the Mission to make it ours.

Thus we have, by the Providence of God, made a fair beginning at this new station, which promises to become as interesting and as important as any in the Mission.

The South Indian Railroad, connecting Tindevanum with Madras, was opened in September last, and at this date trains are run.

ning as far south as Cuddalore, thus enabling me to go within 4 miles of my village by rail, saving time, trouble and expense.

The only drawback is the want of a house in which to live. I purchased a small bungalow last April, in which I have since resided six months, but since November have been living in Arcot. This, however, is only a temporary measure, and we hope soon to be dwelling at Tindevanum permanently. I have experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining land on which to build; have petitioned Government again and again, but in vain, and have now concluded to purchase from the natives, in case I do not secure the travelers' bungalow, which may be for sale this year.

As to the congregations connected with this station, I am glad to be able to report favorably of them. Notwithstanding the pressure of famine, they still remain firm in their adhesion to Christianity. Here and there a family has been enticed away by the Romanists with promises of worldly assistance, but nearly all continue steadfast and are making real progress in the knowledge of divine things. The congregations show an increase of 76 souls during the year. In six there has been a decided gain, while in two a loss of 3 each. With one exception the conduct of the helpers has been uniformly good, and of some of them it gives me pleasure to be able to speak in terms of the highest praise, both as to their walk as Christians and the manner in which they have prosecuted their work.

The Vernacular schools have increased in number of scholars from 168 last year to 227 this year. In some of the villages, especially Adanur, Varikkal and Nansinur, the advance has been noteworthy, and I hope to receive Government grants for them next year. These schools, however, do not satisfy me. The teachers are, for the most part, inefficient and unable to bring the boys up to the standards. Moreover, we are reaching only the lowest class and the poorest, and consequently the schools are entirely dependent on the Mission for support. If the higher and wealthier classes could be gathered in, we might gradually make the schools support themselves. But here our great enemy, cash, confronts us, and how we are to meet the question is not plain to us at present. May God help us to solve it.

The prospects of forming congregations in villages here are good. Some families in the village of Otheatur have for some time been

asking for a teacher ; also in Nangatur, the stronghold of Romanism. 6 or 7 families have expressed a desire to join us. The progress of the work in this direction will call for more funds, and it depends upon our friends at home whether we can carry it on. Meanwhile, let us have their prayers that the Spirit's power may be manifested in our midst.

The following are the

PREACHING STATISTICS FOR 1876.

	Addresses.	Audiences.	Books and Tracts.	
			<i>Sold.</i>	<i>Given.</i>
Tindevanum.....	100	4,200	285	250
Oruttur.....	181	4,500	670	677
Mandekapattur.....	32	3,936	12	13
Kolopakum.....	32	1,576	...	...
Varikkal.....	33	1,514	...	...

VELLORE.

Rev. John Scudder, M. D., and Mrs. Scudder, *Missionaries* ; P. Jaganadan, Abraham William, A. Masillamani, Jacob Raji, Nedian, *Catechists* ; Bashiam, Christian Samuel, Ponan David, Israel Andrew, A. Solomon, Andrew, David Rungasamy, Iavoo David, Antony, *Readers* ; Samuel Isaiah, John Moses, *Schoolmasters* ; Mary, Fanny, Mary, and Martha, *Schoolmistresses* ; Rebecca and Tangam, *Bible Readers*.

Out Stations.—Kattupadi, Kandiputtur, Sekadu, Vennampalli, Erentangal, Onrantangal, Karasamangalam, Tondantolasi, Karihari, Marutuvambadi.

Rev. John Scudder writes :

At the request of the Mission, I removed from Arcot to Vellore just before the departure of the Rev. E. C. Scudder to America, and took charge of the station. In Vellore itself there has been quite a change in the congregation. The number of families has decreased by 4. Eleven new families have been added, but 15 have left. Some of them have removed to other places, and death has broken up 2. One has gone back to the Romanists, and 1 to its next-door neighbor. Notwithstanding this loss, the total of the congregation has increased by 2. The usual services on the Sabbath and prayer-meetings during the week have been maintained,

and the sacraments administered at stated intervals. Three children have been baptized. Ten persons have been received to the Communion of the Church on confession of their faith, and 14 by certificate. Twenty-one communicants have either been dismissed to other Churches or left without letters of dismissal, 2 have been suspended, and 2 have died, leaving the present number 59, one less than last year.

Vernacular Schools.—With one or two exceptions, these have been in a very satisfactory condition during the greater part of the year, but for the last few months the number of scholars decreased somewhat, notwithstanding all the efforts of the teachers to retain them. This was doubtless owing to the famine. Many who, in usual times, have been able to support their children and send them to school, have been compelled to withdraw them, for a time at least, in order to make them earn their own living. We trust that when these times of distress are over, all the schools will recover their former prosperous condition. Most of the scholars have made good progress in their studies. The boys' school at this station has been examined by the Deputy Inspector of Schools, and received a grant of rupees 77. The schools at some of the out stations are to be examined, when the Deputy Inspector finds time.

Street Preaching and Touring.—I have not been able to make any tours among the heathen, but have improved the opportunities that presented when visiting our christian villages. Still this work has not been neglected. The Helpers at all the stations have visited the surrounding villages, and proclaimed the Gospel to the perishing, with the following results: They preached 4,696 times, to 102,589 persons, and sold 1,968 books and tracts, and gave gratuitously 204.

Villages.—There is very little of special interest to report. Christianity is silently but surely making its way among the people. Nineteen children and 4 adults have been baptized, and 4 persons received to the Communion on confession of their faith. There has been an increase in numbers in most all of the places, amounting to 70 souls. A number of families have been added to the congregations from the heathen, and many more are talking of coming. Since the beginning of the year there have been a num-

ber more of additions, but they are not included in the above statistics. One new village has also come over. These we wish to test for a time, before including them in our members.

Many of the Christians in this part of the field have also suffered more or less, for the want of food. Their crops have failed, still they are compelled to pay their taxes. Help has been given them, or some of them must have died from starvation. We do not intend to let any of them die for the want of food. We must continue to aid them for months to come. I have made one application to Government for aid, but in vain. Still I do not despair of receiving it, as I intend to apply again, and, if need be, a third time, as I feel that the Government is as much bound to support the starving Christians as the starving heathen.

THE PREPARANDI SCHOOL.

The Rev. John Scudder reports :

There were 20 scholars at the beginning of the year, and four new scholars have been received during the twelve months. Of these, five have been sent to the Vellore Seminary, one has been discharged on account of bad conduct, and two have returned to their friends, leaving the number at present 16. Five of the pupils have been baptized during the year.

SCHOOLS FOR CASTE GIRLS AT VELLORE.

These two schools have been continued during the year, with increased prosperity. The number of scholars has increased so that there are now 220 names on the roll. Both schools have been examined by the Deputy Inspector, and a grant of nearly rupees 800 has been awarded.

Besides secular studies, the girls are instructed in needlework and in lessons from the Bible. The latter seem to be especially interesting to them, and they never tire in listening to the stories from the Old and New Testaments. We feel confident that the seeds of Divine truth sown in these youthful minds will bear fruit in the future. Mrs. Scudder gives as much time as she can possibly spare from her other duties in supervising these schools, but the need of some one to devote more time to them is continually felt.

THE ARCOT SEMINARY, VELLORE.

Y. Nallatambi, *Head Master*; I. Zechariah, *Teacher*; Sami Sastri, *Sanscrit and Telugu Teacher*.

The Rev. John Scudder reports :

The number of students at the end of the year was 29. A class of 4 young men was sent out at the beginning of the year, to be employed as Helpers in the Mission work; one lad was suspended for bad conduct, and one was permitted to leave at his own request.

I am glad to be able to give a very good report of this institution. The teachers have been faithful to their duties, and have instructed their pupils exceedingly well, and under their instruction the scholars have made decided progress. Mrs. Scudder, besides the general supervision of the school, has had a class daily in English. The school has been examined both by the Mission Committee and the Deputy Inspector. The examinations were well sustained, and gave us great pleasure. The examination in Theology was especially good, and showed that the lads are being thoroughly trained in this important study. The school received a grant from Government of rupees 330.

THE GIRLS' SEMINARY, CHITTOOR.

Miss Martha J. Mandeville, *Assistant Missionary in Charge*; Martin Luther, *Head Master*; Mrs. Lackey, *Matron*.

Miss Mandeville presents the following report :

Another school year has closed, and it devolves upon us who have the charge of this institution to record briefly, for the benefit of those who are interested in its welfare, a few facts and events of its history during the twelve months just passed. It gives us great pleasure to state, at the beginning, that the period under survey has been one of uninterrupted prosperity. Though pestilence and disease have been on every side, there has not been a single case of illness among us, and we are led to exclaim, surely, the Lord has been with us. The good conduct of the pupils, the zeal of the Master, and the faithfulness of the Matron, have been alike satisfactory and worthy of commendation.

At the beginning of the year, we numbered 42 boarders and 1 day pupil; at its close, we have 40 boarders and 8 day pupils.

Though there is only a slight variation in the numbers, yet there have been many changes. Nine of the elder pupils have left, and 8 new ones have been admitted. Most of the new pupils are paying fees. Hitherto the school has been free, and, though the sum now charged is small in comparison with the expense incurred, yet it will doubtless accomplish the desired end—that of securing a better class of pupils and raising the standard of the school.

Of the 9 girls who have left us, 8 were married from the school, and 1 has gone to her father's house, where she is also soon to be married. Thus a number have gone out from our midst to engage in the active and important duties of life, and we sincerely hope that the Christian influences that have surrounded them for years, the prayers and labors of teachers and friends, may follow them and constrain them to good works in the cause of the Master, in whatever estate or condition He may be pleased to place them.

Of the 43 pupils, 26 are members of the Church, 9 having joined during the year. In the year previous there were no accessions to the Church from the school, and I am rejoiced to observe a great improvement in the spirit of the girls since that time. Not unfrequently I have discovered kneeling forms in the deserted school-room during the play-hour, and have been led to hope that a spirit of prayer prevails, which is, perhaps, the secret of the change. I have rarely been called upon to reprove the girls, and then only for trifling offences. Mischievousness will crop out now and then, for girls will be girls, and we are pleased to have them such.

The Teachers' Training Class, composed of those pupils who have nearly completed the prescribed course, has, so far, been a success. The members are regularly engaged, a part of each day, in teaching some of the lower classes, under the direction of the Master, who instructs them in the method of teaching. There they not only render valuable assistance in the schools, but acquire for themselves discipline and experience in a most useful art. In August, 7 of the class passed the third grade "Teachers' Certificate Examination."

An hour and a half of each day is devoted to plain and fancy needlework. The sale of the latter has realized the sum of rupees 216. Of the former they have made, besides their own clothes, about 60 jackets for the boys' schools in Vellore and Arcot. All

the domestic work of the establishment is performed by the girls. Every effort is put forth to create in them habits of industry and cleanliness, and to train them physically, as well as mentally and morally, for all the duties of that station in life which it is expected they will occupy. May the prayers of Christian friends, as well as their contributions, still continue to aid us in this important work.

ANNUAL MEDICAL REPORT FOR 1876 OF THE DISPENSARY AND
HOSPITAL AT ARCOT.

H. M. Scudder, M.D., *in Charge of the Dispensary and Hospital*; Samuel Verahgoo, *Dresser*; Mahomed Salar, *Hospital Assistant*; Theaparanum, *Dispenser*; Shunmoogum Moodely, *Conocopyllay*; C. William, *Medical Student*; Solomon Aranachallum, Abram Muni, *Village Practitioners*.

Dr. H. M. Scudder writes as follows :

The Dispensary and Hospital have been conducted as usual during the year, and we feel encouraged by the confidence in our treatment manifested by the natives, and especially by the success of the Lying-in Hospital.

The number of patients is somewhat less than during the previous year. This is due partly to the absence of Dr. Scudder for two and a half months on the Hills, during which absence the Hospital was left in the charge of an apothecary who was an entire stranger to the people, and partly to the exceptional freedom from malarial fevers.

The number of new out patients for the year amounted to 7,005; the number of new in patients for the year amounted to 503.

The daily attendance has averaged 82, and the total daily attendance throughout the year amounts to 27,132. There have been 349 surgical operations performed.

The Gospel is proclaimed every morning, before the dispensing of medicines, and all who choose listen. Tracts are also distributed to those who desire them.

Good work has been done by the two Village Practitioners connected with the Mission, who were trained in this Hospital. They each report over 500 patients treated by themselves, and they were, besides, the means of sending to the Hospital many cases requiring operative relief.

The success of the Lying-in Hospital has exceeded our most sanguine expectations. Its popularity continues to increase, and its benefits are appreciated more and more by the people. The number of patients for the past year was 85, and the number of operations, 6.

THE JAPAN MISSION.

(Organized in 1859).

Missionaries at Yokohama, Revs. S. R. Brown, D.D., James H. Ballagh, E. Rothesay Miller, James L. Amerman; *Assistant Missionaries*, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Ballagh, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Amerman, and Miss Emma C. Whitbeck.

At Tokiyo, Rev. G. F. Verbeck, D.D., *Missionary*; Mrs. Verbeck, *Assistant Missionary*.

At Nagasaki, Rev. Henry Stout, *Missionary*; Mrs. Stout, *Assistant Missionary*.

THE YOKOHAMA STATION.

The Rev. Dr. Brown has been occupied chiefly in the translation of the Scriptures, and has also rendered valuable assistance in instructing the class of young men who are preparing to become Evangelists.

The Rev. Dr. Verbeck has been engaged in the Government Department of Translation, and has been a member of the Legislative Committee of Counsellors. He has also taught two Bible Classes upon the Sabbath, and has frequently conducted the services of the native Church at Tokiyo.

The Rev. James H. Ballagh has assisted in the instruction of the class of theological students, but his chief business has been in the pastorate of the Church at Yokohama, and in superintending the evangelistic work of the Mission. From him we have received the following report of "The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Yokohama:"

In rendering the fifth annual report of the Church of Christ at Yokohama, we have occasion for the most hearty and humble giving of thanks to Christ our Saviour, the Great Head of the Church, for His continued favor to this branch of His Zion.

It is only as compelled at the end of an ecclesiastical year, or a period of years, to take a review of the progress made, that its proportions are impressed on our minds. This is truly our experience at the end of each year here, when the record of the accessions, dismissions, and losses by death, of the year, are to be made up and reported for our own encouragement, and that of God's people, who have so liberally and so generously supported this work.

The accessions by baptism in connection with the Church at Yokohama, for this fifth year of its existence, have been *forty-two*. The dismissions in the same period, mostly to the Church of Christ at Yedo, have been *fourteen*, and the loss to our fellowship on earth by death has been *four*; leaving a total membership, including *nineteen* baptized children, of *one hundred and sixty-four*. Of this number, three or four, by reason of the non-observance of the Sabbath, and non-attendance on the sanctuary, must be regarded as withered branches, and are to be severed from the body of Christ. The remaining membership, except forty adults, who are scattered abroad throughout the country, with whom correspondence is maintained by letters written periodically by one or more of the Elders, have continued to make progress in Christian grace and knowledge. Where the scattered believers are so situated as to have communion with one or more fellow-believers, meetings for prayer and the observance of the Sabbath are maintained by them, as at *Hakone*, *Yamanaka*, and *Numazu*, and occasional visits are made to them by brethren from the Church at Yokohama. The contributions of the Church members resident at Yokohama, for the year, have been *one hundred and six dollars and sixteen cents*, or about *one dollar* for each adult member. This is a less amount than that of the year previous, owing to fewer calls for the support of sick or dependent persons, and no special efforts having been made to help other Churches.

The Church services, as heretofore, have consisted of a general Sabbath service, 9 to 10:30 A. M., conducted by the acting Pastor, except during the summer vacation, and occasional absence on evangelistic tours in the country. During the summer vacation, Elder Okuno supplied the pulpit, and Dr. Brown and Rev. Mr. Miller have administered the Lord's Supper, and preached during

the other absences of the pastor. This Sabbath morning service is attended by the scholars, in a body, of the Woman's Mission School, and the Ferris Seminary of our own Mission, and by the greater part of the Church members, and by a good number of regular attendants, not Church members, as well as by numerous strangers and visitors; making, in all, an audience of 200 to 300 persons. The exercises throughout are those of a full Church service at home, and their effect in building up the attendants in faith and holiness is seen in the increased knowledge, joy, and piety of those who delight to honor God in His sanctuary. This House of God and Sabbath Home of the Japanese Christians has been rendered complete in its attractions the past year by the generous gift of a church bell from a member of the Reformed Church in America, and also by the gift of a large stained-glass window, for the church front, from another honored member of the Reformed Church in America. These donors would be more than delighted could they see the additional attractions conferred upon this sanctuary by these timely donations.

A Sabbath afternoon service, also conducted by the Pastor, has been held at *Kanagawa*. This service has not been as well attended, either by the Christians resident there or the outside people, as we had a right to expect. We had a Helper stationed there, a good place for meeting provided out of the Mission treasury, but, notwithstanding these expenditures, they failed of any satisfactory results, more than two or three additions to the Church. So, after much effort and prayer, we determined to give up the public preaching-place, and now hold the meetings in the house of one of the most recent converts, and find them much more encouraging in results. A Friday evening woman's meeting, held since the commencement of the year by my wife, with the assistance of one or other of the Christian girls of the Ferris Seminary, meets also with considerable encouragement.

The Native Sabbath School, held from 4 to 5 P. M., in the Church, for the latter part of the year under the superintendence of Rev. Dr. Brown, assisted by my wife and his daughter, Hattie, and several of the Theological students, as teachers, has increased in numbers, and is fairly successful. A good number of the adult

members of the Church attend the Doctor's Bible Class, and about *twenty* children are gathered into the school. For the better comprehension of the children, the Doctor has been turning the Child's Catechism into Colloquial Japanese, and making its committal to memory a part of the school exercises. The Child's Paper, "*The Glad Tidings*," edited by one of the teachers of the school, under the supervision of Miss McNeal, of the Woman's Mission, is a valuable auxiliary to the instruction in the school, as it is to all religious instruction of youth in the country. The *Compendium of the Christian Religion*, in use in the Reformed Church in America, has been translated for the use of Sabbath-school instruction, and that of applicants for admission to the Church, and will be soon introduced, when its acceptability to the Churches generally will be such, we hope, as its excellent summary of doctrines justly entitles us to expect.

The Sabbath night meeting has been held, as heretofore, at the schoolroom of the Woman's Mission. The attendants have been the scholars of their school, the Theological students, a good number of the Church members, and of inquirers after, or occasional hearers of the truth. The Elders of the Church and the students for the ministry preach in turn at these meetings. Their discourses, always of a practical and highly creditable character, are delivered from fully written notes, with a great deal of ease and fluency. After the discourse, several prayers are offered by the brethren, interspersed with the reading of communications from absent brethren, and the presentation of requests for prayer, or expression of convictions arising from the services of the day, the circumstances or needs of the Church, or of friends, or of their countrymen. These are meetings always of interest and profit. They are attended by the acting Pastor and by Mrs. Pierson, of the Woman's Mission, who acts as organist both at this and the morning service of the Church.

The week-day services consist of a meeting of the Church members, for prayer and the study of the Scriptures, held on Wednesday evening, in two divisions, presided over by the Elders. Also, a Friday evening lecture and prayer meeting, presided over by the Pastor. The latter is attended more by the Student Class than by

the membership generally. The students themselves have a weekly prayer-meeting, and the Church members, at least the male portion of them, have a monthly meeting for fellowship before the Communion. There are also several meetings for women conducted in the congregation by my wife and by ladies of the Woman's Mission. Also, two or three are held on the Sabbath by the same. Also, preaching services are held on Sabbath days and one or two nights in the week, by the Elders or students for the ministry. One of these has been a regular Sabbath morning service, after the conclusion of the service at the Church, held by Elder Okuno, at the Ferris Seminary.

Besides the above services in the congregation and the Girls' schools, the members of the Church in these latter institutions receive daily religious instruction and Sabbath school instruction on Sundays. This instruction has been very thorough, whole classes in the Ferris Seminary having committed the Child's Catechism, and are now commencing the more difficult Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism in Japanese, while the daily exposition of Scripture and recitation of Scripture texts have tended to give them great familiarity with the Sacred Word, and must tend to build them up in the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Daily family worship, for the instruction of domestics and others, held in these institutions and the homes of the Missionaries, must have the effect of leavening the community with the wholesome words of purity and truth.

Of special services, save those held on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, and the Week-of-Prayer, there have been none. A month's or six weeks' daily preaching service was held by the Pastor, in the Church, for the benefit of the numerous strangers and visitors in Yokohama during the silkworm-egg season. A number of persons from a distance attended, some of whom had attended similar services the year previous, and, in not a few instances, their expressions of conviction of the truth showed that these efforts had not been wholly in vain. A reason for the discontinuance of special services has been that the work of the Church now seems to be not so much the ingathering of converts, as the upbuilding and guidance of those already gathered in. The care of these has en-

tailed not a little labor and anxiety on those having their spiritual supervision, which, owing to the pre-engagement of most of the Church officers, devolves their whole care on but one or two associated with the Pastor. For the same reason, the Evangelistic work of the Church during the past year has been much restricted. Our only helpers are our Elders, and of these Elders Honda and Oshikawa, the one at *Hirosaki* and the other at *Niigata*, have become identified with new interests. Elders Maki and Shinozaki were confined to their studies, save during vacations, and until the death of the latter, in September last. Elder Okuno has been confined on the Bible translation Committee until the present month, and had only Saturdays and Sabbaths for evangelical work. Elder Yoshida, one of our youngest but most competent Elders in Church government, but too timid or too modest to preach, has alone been left free to assist the Pastor in the care of the flock, or to go out on occasional visits to look after believers in distant places. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, some evangelistic efforts have been made, and have met with unexampled success. Elder Okuno has visited a large town on the *Tokaido*, eight miles distant, *Tois'ka* by name, regularly the greater part of the year, for a preaching service on Saturday nights. The meetings have been held at a place provided by the people of the village, and at times great encouragement has been held out. Some of its chief promoters, however, receiving promotion in Government service, dropped off or gave it but a partial support, and others, finding that the doctrines of Christianity require change of heart and manner of life, have returned to their old sins. Only a few persons are steady attendants, and fewer still give evidence of change of heart, though all are quite ready to renounce idolatry. With the exception of two visits from foreign laborers, this has been a work carried on entirely by native agency. As a very hopeful work at a country village, in that neighborhood, is opening up under visits from Mrs. Pierson, of the Woman's Mission, it may be necessary to visit both hereafter in conjunction, spending a Saturday and Sabbath between them. Two trips, of a fortnight or three weeks' duration, were made to *Hakone*, *Idzu*, and *Numazu* during the year. The first was made by Elder Yoshida, accompanied by a student for the

ministry. They visited and confirmed the believers there, and reached a good number of hearers of the Gospel, who heard it for the first time. The second trip was made at the beginning of the present year by Elder Yoshida and myself. We were sent out by the Mission to baptize several persons who had sent in a request for that purpose. We visited several new places, and baptized *six* persons who had received instruction from us on previous visits, and found a number of new applicants, who had been brought to a knowledge of the truth by the labors of the native brethren sent out on former trips, or by the labors of a faithful and earnest convert of that part of the country, who supports himself by planting mulberry trees for silk growing, and devotes his slack intervals to volunteer missionary efforts. At the earnest request of the believers there, we are agitating stationing one of our native brethren there permanently, as soon as any of them are ordained to the ministry or scriptural office of Evangelists. Elder Maki's two trips, in summer and winter vacations, accompanied both times by Rev. Mr. Miller, to *Ueda* in *Shinshiu*, resulted greatly in promoting and establishing the good work almost self-originating there at the beginning of last year, and which has resulted in the organization of an earnest and united Church of *thirty-five* adult members at that place. A full account of this interesting work having been furnished the Board at the time, further mention of it may not be necessary at present. The evangelistic work of the Mission in connection with the native Church, has consisted only of an extended overland journey to the Church at Hirosaki, in the northernmost province of Nippon, and to the company of believers gathered at Niigata, the only western port of Japan.

The total number of persons who have received baptism in Yokohama, including those originally constituting the Church, has been 220 ; at Yedo, about 120 ; at Ueda, 37 ; at Hirosaki, some 30 ; at Niigata, from 20 to 30 ; at Nagasaki, 15 or 20 ; and by Elder Awazu, in Yedo, 20 or more. Of these, 20 or more have died in the Lord. The living membership of these Churches, then, is about 440. This large ingathering is not claimed as the direct result of the efforts of your Mission. The Rev. Mr. Thompson, of the Presbyterian Board, has been the pastor of the Church at Yedo,

and has been assisted by Dr. Verbeck. Dr. Palm, a Baptist physician, has labored earnestly at Niigata; the Rev. Mr. Ing, a Methodist, has been in charge of the work at Hirosaki, and others might be named whose services have been of great value, especially the ladies of the Mission of the Woman's Union, whose earnest efforts have resulted in over thirty conversions; but the large and cheering harvest may be claimed with propriety as due, to a great extent, to the labors of those who have been connected with the "Church of our Lord Jesus Christ in Japan," first organized at Yokohama.

It may be of interest to many to add that the estimated native church membership in Japan, connected with the Missions of every name, is 1,115; the average weekly attendance upon the preaching services, 4,000; the aggregate of scholars in all the Mission schools, 550, and the number of students for the ministry, about 40. Besides this, 21,000 portions of Scripture in Japanese have been printed and distributed, and several thousands of tracts. Only five years ago, the first native Christian Church was organized in this empire, and in this short time the "little one" has literally "become a thousand."

THE THEOLOGICAL CLASS.

Mr. Amerman and Mr. Miller have been chiefly engaged, assisted by Dr. Brown and his daughter, in the instruction of this class. The advantages of the school have not been confined to those wishing to prepare themselves for the work of evangelists. The number of scholars at present is fifteen, eleven of whom expect to be evangelists or native pastors. Mr. Amerman writes, "We have turned away eight or ten for whom we had no places in classes already formed. These were not Christian converts, or we might have felt constrained to form new classes for them, at the sacrifice of other work. With an additional teacher, the schools might have been at least doubled. Instruction has been given in English composition, English conversation and reading, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, history, in the harmony of the Gospels, the Epistle to the Romans, homiletics, sacred history, systematic theology, and in Greek."

Of the importance of placing this class or school at once on a broad and permanent foundation, Mr. Ballagh says: "The translation of Paine's *Age of Reason*, and all the modern works of infidelity and materialism, by the priests of the Buddhists, as weapons to be used against Christianity, will necessitate the publication of works in defence of the Christian faith. For this to be done effectively, a superior standard of education, combining the highest scientific with the highest intellectual and theological education, will be requisite. Some part of the Christian Church in Japan, and of those who support it, must bend their utmost energies to make adequate provision for this. The privilege would naturally fall to our own Church in America and its Mission in Japan. Dr. Verbeck's long identification with education and the Government, and the labor already performed by your Missionaries in this direction, would indicate this to be our distinctive missionary work for the future of Christ's cause in this empire. A number of our young men are being, in a good measure, trained up for taking part in instruction in such an undertaking, but for the work to be carried on effectually, a liberal provision of competent foreign teachers and all the necessary appliances would require to be made. For this, the Reformed Church in America seems providentially prepared, both by the prominence attained in its educational institutions and the ability and willingness of its members to give liberally for their support. Being historically longest connected with Japan through Holland, and being the first to commission a Foreign Mission to this land, and having been thus far honored in inaugurating many important '*first works*,' shall we not rightfully aspire to add this further benefit for the cause of Christ in Japan?"

THE ISAAC FERRIS SEMINARY.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. E. Rothesay Miller and Miss Emma C. Witbeck have continued to conduct the affairs of this institution with ability and faithfulness, and have received the blessing of God. The Seminary has an excellent reputation, that has been fairly earned, and is growing in favor with the Japanese. There are thirty-four pupils under instruction, of whom three received baptism during the year, upon confession of their faith. The cate-

chism has been learned by all the scholars. A weekly prayer meeting has been maintained by the girls. So wise and faithful has been the instruction, and so industrious have been the pupils, that already three or four of the older scholars are engaged as teachers.

THE NAGASAKI STATION.

The following report is presented to us by Rev. Henry Stout :

The report for the Mission at Nagasaki for the year 1876 will necessarily be brief. It has been in no way an eventful year, but rather one filled with the prosaic round of ordinary duties.

The departure of Mr. Wolff necessitated some changes in our plans and in daily work. He had done most of the teaching, and my attention had been directed principally to preaching in the chapel and in the villages near Nagasaki. This latter region was especially a promising field, but had to be abandoned. A class of four young men had to be instructed, as two of them, at least, have given themselves to the work of the ministry, and are already doing a good share of preaching. Their instruction is considered so important that other work must give way. In connection with this and a Bible class, regular preaching has been maintained in the chapel on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, and, until June, on Sunday mornings also. At that time, Mr. Sewaga, who has since become the Elder of the Church, secured a house in the city, and commenced a service there, which took the place of the morning chapel service, as this place was to be the headquarters of the Church, when organized. This service, with one in the same place, in the evening, has been continued since then. Good numbers always attend all these services, though not so many as when first commenced. Curiosity has for the most part been satisfied.

The weekly prayer meeting has not failed in interest, as the Christians are seldom absent.

Only two men have been baptized during the year, but this testimony of God's goodness is acknowledged with thankfulness. There are now ten adult baptized Christians connected with the Mission.

The Heidelberg Catechism has been translated and explained, question by question, to the Catechetical, now Bible Class. As soon

as the revision of this translation can be completed, a copy will be sent to the Mission at Yokohama, for their inspection.

It was hoped that a Church would be organized the first of the year, but for several reasons, the principal of which was that it was hoped the Churches in Yokohama and Tokio would revise and improve their basis of church organization, and so this might simply be adopted here, the organization was deferred. On the 21st of December, however, a preliminary meeting was held, at which it was determined to organize a Church and adopt the rules, &c., of the "Church of Jesus Christ," temporarily, and so become a part of that body, with the hope that a better-digested and more acceptable form might soon be secured. On Sunday, the 24th, the Church was formally organized, and the Elder elect ordained with the laying on of hands. After this the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. A business meeting was held subsequently, at which it was determined that the preaching be continued by the Elder, and that they should ask me to administer the offices of the Sacraments till such time as the services of a native pastor can be secured.

It is pleasant to report that this Church, though so small in numbers and representing but little means, has determined to be independent, as far as possible, of foreign pecuniary aid. They have, from June last, paid all the expenses of their place of meeting, and on their arranged plan they expect to continue doing so. The salary of the Elder only is paid by the Mission, and as his work is largely that of an evangelist, it seems but right it should be so.

Only four preaching tours have been made during the year, and these by the young men only. They have reported, for the most part, a readiness to hear and an interest in the truth. Especially was this the case when Mr. Segawa visited his native place, Nakatsu, on the opposite side of this island. During daily services, continued for nearly two weeks, people thronged to hear him, and some old men, who could not go out in the evening, sent a particular request to have a service during the day. Were the Mission stronger, this field might be occupied with great honor to the Master.

By the kindness of a few of the foreign merchants we were able to open a reading-room in connection with the chapel in the city.

A number of the principal papers of the country were secured, and publicity given to the enterprise; but after seven months' trial, to the regret of the patrons, it has been closed for want of success. Perhaps there were a number of reasons why people did not frequent the room, but no doubt the chief one was its connection with the hated sect.

INDIAN AGENCIES.

The following changes have occurred during the year: Mr. J. H. Stout has been reinstated as the Agent of the Pimos and Maricopas, and the Papagos have been added to his charge, so that there are nearly 6,000 Indians under his care. Mr. John P. Clum, one of the best Agents in the service, resigned his commission, and Mr. Henry L. Hart, of Constitution, Ohio, has been nominated for the vacancy.

There are now from 11,000 to 12,000 Indians on the reservations, which we are requested by the Government to care for. They are at present peaceful, are settling down to the cultivation of the soil, and are willing to learn; but we have been prevented by the meagerness of our income from doing anything for them beyond the nomination of carefully-selected men for agents. Ought not a Christian body, so long on this continent, so richly blessed, to improve the admirable opportunity presented to it to establish Missions among the Red Men? A trust has been committed to us; can we any longer neglect it?

THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

This valuable organization now receives the support of thirty-eight auxiliaries, and is worthy of the hearty co-operation of the women of the Reformed Churches. It has received, during the year, about \$6,240, of which nearly \$3,300 have been paid into our treasury, and nearly \$2,600 have been reserved on deposit to establish hereafter a girls' school at Nagasaki. The interest of the churches in Foreign Missions has been maintained and much increased in many localities by the efforts of the officers and members of the Woman's Board.

FINANCES.

The receipts of the year have been : From Churches, \$24,436.74 ; Sabbath-schools, \$4,121.14 ; Individuals, through Churches, \$7,999.23 ; Individuals, not through Churches, \$3,629.50 ; Legacies, \$15,185.46 ; Miscellaneous sources, \$2,780.46. In all, \$58,152.53. Compared with the previous year, there has been a decrease in the income from the Churches of \$7,354.80 ; from Sabbath-schools, of \$670.24 ; from individuals through Churches, of \$975.09 ; and an increase from individuals not through Churches, of \$39.57, and from legacies, of \$4,019.41. The gross income has fallen off \$6,190.38. The income from legacies was increased as already stated, and that from contributions declined about \$9,000.13. An exact comparison with the preceding year cannot be made, because the income of that year from the Classes of Holland, Wisconsin and Grand River was reckoned under the head of receipts from miscellaneous sources, while for this year it is distributed under Churches, Sabbath-schools, and Individuals.

The expenditures of the Board have been reduced on almost every item of outlay, both at home and abroad, have been kept within the appropriations, and by this constant economy the debt has been reduced by \$1,600. The indebtedness of the treasury to-day is about \$33,000.

The financial condition of the treasury deserves serious and careful consideration. A policy of reduction on expenditures has now been pursued for nearly five years. The influence of this policy, imposed upon us by a declining income, has been injurious to the work of the Missions, and the position has been reached, which we have long dreaded, when the only remaining step to be taken is to cut off a Mission.

We are by no means unconscious of the extreme financial pressure of the past four years upon every branch of trade, and the steady cessation of income from invested funds, and the duty of enforcing a thoughtful and rigid economy has been performed to the best of our ability. Now we are approaching the season when our income is ordinarily less than our necessary expenditures, with very little ability to borrow, and we are compelled to ask, can we survive the summer months and continue to maintain the work,

even on the present reduced scale? Much depends on the disposition of the pastors. Indeed, more depends upon them than upon any other class of men among us. We acknowledge their efforts in the past, and during the very trying year just closed, with hearty gratitude. We now look to them with confidence. We expect that they will be equal to the emergency. We ask of them, and ask the Synod to second our request, that they will, as soon as possible, tell the Churches of the straits into which this work has been brought, and of the peril to which it is exposed.

The appropriations for the present calendar year are: To the Arcot Mission, \$23,847; to the Amoy Mission, \$11,541; to the Japan Mission, \$15,337; for Home Expenses, \$6,375; making a total of \$57,100. Besides this, the Board needs not less than \$5,000 to return Missionaries now in this country to their fields abroad, and to send out a reinforcement of ordained men. The year, then, calls for an outlay of \$62,000.

We can only repeat the assurances of past years, that if the 75,000 members of our branch of the Church of Christ will give one dollar each yearly for the extension of our Redeemer's Kingdom over heathen lands, not only will our present wants be fully met but an enlargement of the work will be provided for. Is it unreasonable, even in such times as these, to ask for such a gift?

CONCLUSION.

1. Our Missionaries are more than ever before entitled to our confidence, sympathy, and generous support. Their number has been reduced. The four men now on the ground in India are maintaining nearly all the work that was performed by ten men a few years ago. The two brethren on the field in China are maintaining the full work performed by five men a few years ago. Such self-denying, laborious servants deserve our support.

2. The blessing of God calls us to "go forward." Fifty-nine souls have been added to the Churches of the Arcot Mission within the year by conversion, sixty-three to the Churches at Amoy, and forty-five to our Churches in Japan, making a total of one hundred and sixty-seven souls gathered into the fold of the Great Shepherd. Each one of these, though but a child in Christian knowl-

edge and experience, is among the heathen as a city upon a hill that cannot be hid.

3. The opportunities presented for an enlarged effort are on all the fields of the most desirable and hopeful character. They are brought to us and opened before us by the providence and grace of God, and no one can deny that our Lord and Saviour is inviting us to go on and possess the land. Shall we, can we, close our ears to these invitations, because to listen to and to follow them will require us to practice a more careful economy in the outlay of money on ourselves? Such times as these we are now passing through are tests of character and principles. Shall we not study to show that we are the followers and the servants of Him "who made himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in Heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

The term of service of the following members of the Board terminates with the present session of the General Synod:

Rev. Henry N. Cobb,	Rev. W. J. R Taylor, D. D.,
" A. P. Van Gieson, D.D.,	Mr. Garret I. Blauvelt,
" T. W. Chambers, D.D.,	" James A. Williamson,
" John Forsyth, D.D.,	" Jacob L. Sutphen.

Adopted May 16th, 1877.

JOHN M. FERRIS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

GENERAL SUMMARY.

	CHINA.	INDIA.	JAPAN.	TOTAL.
Stations	1	8	2	11
Out-Stations	16	33	†	49
Missionaries	3	7	6	16
Assistant Missionaries	5	9	7	21
Native Ministers	3	2	.....	5
Catechists or Preachers	11	22	4	37
Assistant Catechists .....	.....	1	.....	1
Bible Readers .....	.....	29	.....	29
Schoolmasters	5	13	.....	18
Schoolmistresses .....	.....	9	3	12
Colporteurs .....	.....	2	.....	2
Churches	7	19	3	29
Communicants	591	778	190	1559
Academies .....	.....	2	1	3
Academies, Scholars in .....	.....	71	34	105
Day Schools	6	38	.....	44
Day Schools, Scholars in	102	1335	.....	1437
Theological Students	5	*	14	19
Dispensaries, with beds .....	.....	1	.....	1
No. patients treated .....	.....	7508	.....	7508

* Nearly the entire body of Native Helpers.

† A number of localities are visited as frequently as possible.

TABULAR VIEW OF RECEIPTS

FROM

Churches, Sabbath Schools and Individuals.

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVID'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Albany.				
New Salem.....	\$15	\$17	.....	\$32
New Baltimore.....	103 83	72 16	.....	175 99
Third Albany.....	23 81	.....	.....	23 81
First Albany.....	480 10	.....	\$1002	1482 10
Second Albany.....	214 96	.....	.....	214 96
Second Bethlehem.....	23 10	.....	.....	13 10
Westerlo.....	10	3 50	.....	23 50
Knox.....	10	.....	.....	10
Second Berne.....	6 41	.....	.....	6 41
Coeymans.....	18 62	.....	.....	18 62
Fourth Albany.....	16 60	.....	.....	16 60
First Bethlehem.....	37 70	.....	.....	37 70
Jerusalem.....	6 23	.....	.....	6 23
Holland, Albany.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarksville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Onisquethaw.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Bergen.				
First Hackensack.....	325	50	584	959
English Neighborhood.....	49	.....	.....	49
Closter.....	50	.....	.....	50
First Hoboken.....	.....	.....	17 02	17 62
Schraalenberg.....	30 70	.....	.....	30 70
Second Hackensack.....	19 38	.....	.....	19 38
New Durham.....	69 43	.....	.....	69 43
Cherry Hill.....	6 74	.....	.....	6 74
Jersey City Heights.....	5 40	.....	.....	5 40
North Bergen.....	10	.....	.....	10
Third Jersey City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
German, Hoboken.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
German, Hackensack.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Palisades.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Guttenberg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Lee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVID'LS	TOTAL.
South Classis of Bergen.				
Lafayette	\$188 50	\$25 55	\$48 60	\$262 65
Wayne Street, Jersey City.	127	50	64 25	241 25
Bergen	353 15	38 70	362 89	754 74
South Bergen	46 92	23 94	.....	70 86
Free Church, Jersey City..	12	.....	.....	12
Bayonne	34 82	.....	.....	34 82
Second Hudson City	21 37	.....	.....	21 37
Bergen Point .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West End .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third Bayonne .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Cayuga.				
Syracuse	76 01	80 06	.....	156 07
Chittenango	47 73	26 16	.....	73 89
Utica	221 87	19 09	509 52	750 48
West Leyden	4	.....	.....	4
Canastota .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cicero .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lysander .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naumburgh .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Bremen .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Owasco .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Owasco Outlet .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thousand Isles .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Grand River.				
Kalamazoo	62 53	.....	17 50	80 03
Second Grand Rapids	194 30	.....	35	229 30
Spring Lake	29	13 73	.....	42 73
Muskegon	47 75	.....	5	52 75
Third Grand Rapids .....	.....	1 75	3	4 75
Polkton	10	.....	.....	10
First Grand Haven	12 40	.....	.....	12 40
Fourth Grand Rapids	10	.....	.....	10
Grandville	14 20	.....	2	16 20
Montague	12	.....	.....	12
Second Grand Haven .....	.....	26 50	.....	26 50
Detroit .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fremont Centre .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Haven .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Twin Lakes .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Geneva.				
Clymer Village	4 50	.....	.....	4 50
Fairhaven	31 02	3 08	.....	34 10
Marion	8	.....	.....	8
Tyre	31 25	.....	8 50	39 75

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVID'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Geneva.				
CONTINUED.				
Rochester.....	\$119 60	.....	\$13	\$132 60
Lodi.....	60	.....	.....	60
Geneva.....	36 72	.....	.....	36 72
Clymer.....	18 40	.....	.....	18 40
Pultneyville.....	8	.....	.....	8
Farmer Village.....	27 36	.....	.....	27 36
Mina Corners.....	8 04	\$4 75	.....	12 79
Cato.....	.....	.....	5	5
Dunkirk.....	6 07	.....	.....	6 07
Arcadia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caroline.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Williamson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Greene.				
First Athens.....	30	2 10	10	42 10
First Coxsackie.....	15 50	.....	10	25 50
Second Coxsackie.....	59 17	.....	.....	59 17
Kiskatom.....	14	5	.....	19
Prattsville.....	8 25	.....	.....	8 25
Roxbury.....	15	.....	.....	15
Leeds.....	13 21	10	.....	23 21
Catskill.....	.....	.....	5	5
Moorestown and Gilboa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Holland.				
Ebenezer.....	38 48	.....	9 86	48 34
Vriesland.....	84 21	22	52 15	158 36
Cleveland, Ohio.....	7 45	.....	18 50	25 95
Overysse.....	1 50	12 70	25 55	39 75
Beaverdam.....	17 55	.....	32	49 55
Zeeland.....	267 38	31 56	33 66	332 60
Third Holland.....	44 88	.....	.....	44 88
Drenthe.....	19 10	.....	41 25	60 35
North Holland.....	43 39	.....	14	57 39
Jamestown.....	22	.....	28	50
Graafschap.....	35 53	.....	.....	35 59
First Holland.....	12 50	121 80	20 89	155 19
Fynaart.....	.....	.....	3 15	3 15
Saugatuck.....	.....	7	.....	7
East Overysse.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rotterdam.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zabriskie.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Hudson.				
Greenport.....	115	30	.....	145
First Claverack.....	199 79	.....	199 79	199 79

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVID'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Hudson.				
CONTINUED.				
First Hudson.....	\$481 65	\$100	.....	\$581 65
Germantown	35	6 95	.....	41 95
Livingston Church.....	2 25	.....	.....	2 25
Gallatin	80 18	.....	.....	80 18
Upper Red Hook.....	14 66	.....	\$30	44 66
Second Claverack.....	42 51	26 16	.....	68 67
Taghkanic.....	10	.....	.....	10
Linlithgow .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Illinois.				
Second Pella.....	8 14	.....	.....	8 14
Irving Park.....	20 95	.....	.....	20 95
Bushnell.....	17	25	10	52
First Pella.....	30	.....	.....	30
Raritan.....	6	.....	.....	6
Fairview.....	61 07	87	.....	148 07
Spring Lake	3	.....	.....	3
Norris.....	10 50	.....	.....	10 50
Bethel, Pella.....	23	.....	.....	23
First Pekin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Davenport.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Havana.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leyden Centre.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Third Pella.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fourth Pella.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Otley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orange City .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norwood Park.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Somerset.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Parkersburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Pekin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Kingston.				
Second Kingston.....	41 95	28 70	5	75 65
Marbletown.....	20 72	4 33	.....	25 05
New Paltz.....	172 20	32 16	42	246 36
Clove.....	41 30	19 08	.....	60 38
Dashville Falls.....	2 59	.....	.....	2 59
Rosendale	3 36	.....	.....	3 36
Guilford.....	8 74	.....	.....	8 74
Hurley.....	38 40	24	.....	62 40
St. Remy.....	2 30	.....	.....	2 30
Bloomington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Krumville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Marbletown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rochester.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVID'LS	TOTAL.
North Classis of L. I.				
Newtown.....	\$32 18		\$15	\$47 18
Oyster Bay.....	63 06			63 06
Sayville.....	3			3
Flushing.....	67 13			67 13
Queens.....	20 10	\$125		145 10
Locust Valley.....	25			25
First Astoria.....	65 60	113	35	213 60
East Williamsburgh.....	11 23	39 23		50 46
South Bushwick.....	88 30	9 55		97 85
Greenpoint.....	75 96			75 96
St. Peter's.....	10	2 50	5	17 50
Bedford Avenue.....			5	5
Jamaica.....				
North Hempstead.....				
Second Astoria.....				
Second Newtown.....				
College Point.....				
Laurel Hill.....				
First Long Island City.....				
South Classis of L. I.				
Flatbush.....	990 68		108	1098 68
First Brooklyn.....	586 84		307	893 84
East New York.....	22 35			22 35
New Brooklyn.....	10			10
Gravesend.....	50	20		70
New Utrecht.....	138 60	45 87	3	187 47
New Lots.....	110			110
Flatlands.....	38 73	20	25	83 73
South Brooklyn.....	18 58		34	52 58
Twelfth Street.....	71 28			71 28
On-the-Heights.....	1364 73		135	1499 73
Middle, Brooklyn.....			109 25	109 25
North, ".....	41 45			41 45
East, ".....				
Second Flatbush.....				
Classis of Michigan.				
Macon and South Macon... ..	8			8
Hope, Holland.....	29 89			29 89
Centreville.....	24	33 12		57 12
Constantine.....	15			15
Macon.....	13			13
South Bend.....	2 25			2 25
First Grand Rapids.....	8			8
Classis of Monmouth.				
First Freehold.....	45 97			45 97
Holmdel.....	91 28			91 28

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVID'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Monmouth.				
CONTINUED.				
Second Freehold.....	\$38 81	.....	\$198	\$236 81
Colt's Neck.....	30	.....	.....	30
Long Branch.....	10 30	.....	.....	10 30
Spotswood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middletown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Keyport.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Highlands.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Asbury Park.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Montgomery.				
Canajoharie.....	20 41	.....	.....	20 41
Fonda.....	188	\$32 90	.....	220 90
Currytown.....	25 04	2 65	.....	27 69
Fultonville.....	48 09	5 71	20	73 80
Mapletown.....	7 75	.....	.....	7 75
Glen.....	20 58	.....	40	60 58
Hagaman's Mills.....	18 51	.....	.....	18 51
Ephrata.....	16	.....	.....	16
Fort Plain.....	121 16	.....	.....	121 16
Herkimer.....	.....	13	.....	13
Florida.....	55 81	.....	.....	55 81
Stone Arabia.....	10 02	.....	.....	10 02
St. Johnsville.....	22 74	18 87	.....	41 61
Port Jackson.....	8	.....	.....	8
Auriesville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Herkimer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Henderson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indian Castle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manheim.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mohawk.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spraker's Basin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Newark.				
North Newark.....	418 67	.....	1410 41	1829 08
First Newark.....	335 58	.....	.....	335 18
Second Newark.....	124 30	20	.....	144 50
East Newark.....	11 37	.....	.....	11 37
First Orange.....	20 30	.....	7	27 30
Belleville.....	75 61	.....	.....	75 61
Stone House Plains.....	16	.....	.....	16
Clinton Avenue, Newark..	56	.....	.....	56
Irvington.....	10 80	.....	.....	10 80
Franklin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Newark.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Linden.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Woodside.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVID'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of N. Brunswick.				
First New Brunswick.....	\$162 15	\$228	\$100	\$490 15
Griggstown.....	25 70	14 40		40 10
Millstone.....	87 05		47	134 05
Second New Brunswick....	392 43		123	515 43
Middlebush.....	131 17		10	141 17
Third New Brunswick.....	50			50
East Millstone.....	28 32			28 32
Bound Brook.....	20 55		5	25 55
Metuchen.....	22		2	24
Franklin Park.....	195 13			195 13
Classis of New York.				
South New York.....	994 16		10	1004 16
Collegiate.....	2054 93	50	501 39	2606 32
Knox Memorial.....	74 37			74 37
29th Street Mission.....	23 70	100		123 70
Mott Haven.....	18 62			18 62
Harlem.....	86 01	50		136 01
Brighton Heights.....	24 42			24 42
High Bridge.....	30 62		2 50	33 12
Sixth Avenue.....	46 45	9	5	60 45
Prospect Hill.....	120	25		145
Houston Street.....	50	50		100
Thirty-fourth Street.....	51 47			51 47
Port Richmond.....	44			44
Madison Avenue.....			5	5
Bloomington.....			5	5
Huguenots.....	13 60			13 60
Richmond.....	8 50			8 50
Avenue B and 5th Street...	5			5
Amelia, Va.	16 17			16 17
Mattoax, ".....	6 83			6 83
Fourth German.....				
Holland.....				
Brookfield, Conn.....				
Norfolk Street.....				
Classis of Orange.				
Port Jervis.....	166 65		20	186 65
Newburgh.....	124 95		85	209 95
New Prospect.....	30			30
Shawangunk.....	7 63			7 63
Ellenville.....	54 42	25		79 42
Berea.....	15			15
Warwarsing.....	31			31
Lower Walpack.....	7 30			7 30
New Hurley.....			10	10
Cuddebackville.....	5			5
Wallkill Valley.....	7 37	4		11 37
Callicoon.....		2 51		2 51

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVID'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Orange.				
CONTINUED.				
Fallsburgh.....	\$6 40	.....	.....	\$6 40
Walden.....	91 47	.....	.....	91 47
Montgomery.....	600	.....	.....	600
Bloomingburgh.....				
Claryville.....				
Fremont.....				
Grahamville.....				
Hortonville.....				
Jeffersonville.....				
Kerhonkson.....				
Mamakating.....				
Minnisink.....				
Upper Walpack.....				
Classis of Paramus.				
North Passaic.....	82 24	\$91 92	.....	174 16
West New Hempstead.....	32 44	.....	.....	32 44
Tappan.....	34 25	.....	.....	34 25
Clarkstown.....	85 10	.....	20	105 10
Acquackanonk.....	227 50	200	.....	427 50
Paramus.....	111 64	.....	.....	111 64
Nyack.....	222 77	56	128 09	406 86
Second Paterson.....	50	50	50	150
Pascack.....	5 75	.....	5	10 75
First Holland, Paterson.....	3 34	.....	.....	3 34
Broadway, Paterson.....	76 33	.....	10	86 33
Saddle River.....	36 70	7 22	.....	43 92
Spring Valley.....	36 40	.....	.....	36 40
Piermont.....	71 78	.....	.....	71 78
Warwick.....	71 22	.....	.....	71 22
Holland, Hohokus.....				
Holland, Passaic.....				
Ramapo.....				
Ramseys.....				
Ridgewood.....				
Classis of Passaic.				
Wyckoff.....	25 85	.....	3 50	29 35
Pompton.....	85 35	.....	.....	85 35
Fairfield.....	10	.....	.....	10
Boardville.....	10	.....	.....	10
Montville.....	.....	25 26	.....	25 26
First Paterson.....	41 14	47 57	.....	88 71
Preakness.....	4 35	.....	.....	4 35
Little Falls.....	13	.....	.....	13
Boonton.....	20	.....	.....	20
Pompton Plains.....	72 56	.....	.....	72 56
Sixth Holland, Paterson.....	.....	5	.....	5
Ponds.....				

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVID'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Philadelphia.				
Harlingen.....	\$47 38			\$47 38
First Philadelphia.....	100	\$165	\$2	267
North and Southampton...	61 64	30 28		91 92
Neshanic.....	111 76			111 76
Addisville.....	37 67		20	57 67
Clover Hill.....	11 60		5	16 60
Three Bridges.....	7			7
Rocky Hill.....	88			88
Fourth Philadelphia.....	16 62	70	10	96 62
Blawenburgh.....	151 15		30	181 15
Third Philadelphia.....			25	25
Second Philadelphia.....	44 84			44 84
Fifth Philadelphia.....	12 50			12 50
Stanton.....				
Classis of Poughkeepsie.				
Second Poughkeepsie.....	67 09		96 25	163 34
Rhinebeck.....	101 20			101 20
New Hackensack.....	45 17			45 17
Upper Red Hook.....	19 09			19 09
Millbrook.....	43 21	33 58	136 57	213 36
Fishkill.....	29 80			29 80
Glenham.....	14	78 31		92 31
Hyde Park.....	23 90			23 91
Hopewell.....			20	20
Fishkill Landing.....	71 21			71 21
First Poughkeepsie.....	225 91			225 91
Cold Spring.....				
Classis of Raritan.				
Third Raritan.....	132	28 50	34 09	194 59
Bedminster.....	71 20	26	81 63	178 83
Lebanon.....	7 07		1	8 07
Rockaway.....	32 63			32 63
First Somerville.....	30 28		10	60 28
Readington.....	76 45			76 45
Branchville.....	11 16	69 62	5	85 78
North Branch.....	25 03	50		75 03
Peapack.....	4			4
Second Raritan.....	78 09	50		128 09
Pottersville.....	8	21 67		29 67
Easton.....	153 12	46 41	5	204 53
Wilcox.....	5 08			5 08
High Bridge.....	3 02			3 02
Plainfield.....				
Central Plainfield.....				
Clinton Station.....				

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVID'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Rensselaer.				
Stuyvesant.....	\$76 74	.....	\$85 50	\$162 24
Schodack Landing.....	12	.....	.....	12
Chatham Village.....	95 78	\$123	.....	218 78
Kinderhook.....	527 06	189 07	25	741 13
Second Ghent.....	14	56 86	.....	70 86
East Greenbush.....	53	.....	.....	53
Blooming Grove.....	5 50	.....	.....	5 50
First Ghent.....	70	.....	.....	70
Schodack.....	15	.....	.....	15
Nassau.....	93 82	10 18	.....	104
Castleton.....	48	.....	.....	48
New Concord.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stuyvesant Falls.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Saratoga.				
Union Village.....	67 96	.....	.....	67 96
South West Troy.....	90 94	.....	7	97 94
Saratoga.....	28	50	.....	78
West Troy.....	91 21	.....	.....	91 21
Cohoes.....	81	.....	.....	81
Buskirk's Bridge.....	15 50	.....	.....	15 50
Boght.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Easton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Miller.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gansevoort.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northumberland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rensselaer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Schaghticoke.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wynantskill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Schenectady.				
Niskayuna.....	35 18	2 50	.....	37 68
Lisha's Kill.....	80 29	.....	.....	80 29
Princeton.....	5 25	.....	.....	5 25
First Rotterdam.....	14 11	.....	.....	14 11
Glenville.....	76 10	.....	.....	76 10
First Schenectady.....	41 38	.....	.....	41 38
Amity.....	9	.....	.....	9
Cranesville.....	1 50	.....	.....	1 50
Scotia.....	.....	.....	5	5
Second Schenectady.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Rotterdam.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Helderberg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Schoharie.				
Beaverdam.....	21 35	.....	.....	21 35
Schoharie.....	22 45	.....	.....	22 45
Berne.....	28 50	.....	30	58 50
Middleburgh.....	6 02	.....	.....	6 02

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVID'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Schoharie.				
CONTINUED.				
Gallupville.....				
Lawyerville.....				
Schoharie Mountain.....				
North Blenheim.....				
Breakabin.....				
Sharon.....				
Gilboa.....				
Eminence.....				
Central Bridge.....				
Classis of Ulster.				
First Kingston.....	\$71 68	\$51 13		\$122 81
Blue Mountain.....	10			10
Ch. of Comforter, Wiltwyck.....		88 19		88 19
Caatsban.....	38 60	56	\$12	106 60
North Esopus.....	47 44	18 65		66 09
West Hurley.....	10 71			10 71
Flatbush, Ulster Co.....	12	10		22
Saugerties.....	112 97		140	252 97
Plattekill.....	27 64			27 64
Shokan.....	3 25			3 25
Woodstock.....	7			7
Esopus.....				
Shandaken.....				
Classis of Westchester.				
Yonkers.....	132	150	240	522
West Farms.....	36 14			36 14
Second Tarrytown.....			100	100
Bronxville.....	17 09		111	128 09
First Tarrytown.....	113 72			113 72
Peekskill.....			10	10
Mount Vernon.....	84 33			84 33
Hastings.....	90			90
Courtlandtown.....				
Fordham.....				
Greenburg.....				
Greenville.....				
Melrose.....				
Unionville.....				
Classis of Wisconsin.				
Holland, Neb.....	40 91			40 91
Holland, Wis.....	132 33	20	13 75	166 08
Alto.....	99 55		1	100 55
Franklin.....	42		10	52
Greenleaf, Minn.....	10 93		22 72	33 65
Danforth.....			20	20

CLASSES AND CHURCHES.	FROM CHURCHES	FROM S. SCHOOLS	FROM INDIVID'LS	TOTAL.
Classis of Wisconsin.				
CONTINUED.				
Gibbsville.....	\$112 50	.....	\$10	\$122 50
Milwaukee.....	10	\$20	23 47	53 47
South Holland, Ills.....	115	.....	.....	115
Bethlehem.....	47 45	.....	4 57	52 02
Foreston.....	91 35	.....	.....	91 35
Fulton.....	20	.....	.....	20
High Prairie.....	30	.....	10	40
Oostburg.....	29 40	.....	.....	29 40
Silver Creek.....	191	2 40	.....	193 40
Chicago.....	.....	10	4 25	14 25
Peoria.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sheboygan Falls.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Second Holland, Neb.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lansing.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

INDIVIDUALS NOT THROUGH CHURCHES.

Anonymous, Utica, N. Y....	\$5	A. C. Van Duyne, Pine Brook, N. J.....	\$26 15
A friend of the Arcot Mis- sion.....	1,000	Miss Clara M. Jansen.....	5
A Lady.....	10	A Lady, Newark, N. J.....	25
A hearer of debates of Gen- eral Synod, Kingston, N. Y.	50	A Friend, Athens, N. Y.....	2
Mrs. T. G. Whitehead, N. Y. City.....	40	Maria L. Whitbeck, Ithaca, N. Y.....	1
Cash.....	25	Mrs. John Skillman, Brook- lyn, L. I.....	100
Cash.....	5	G. L. S.....	5
H.....	20	A Friend.....	30
Miss Annie Hopkins, New Portland, Me.....	50	Box 21, Ridgewood, N. J....	5
A Friend, Meridian, N. Y....	5	Missionary Box by E. R. A....	25
Mrs. L. S. Ferris, Poughkeep- sie, N. Y.....	5	A Friend, West Troy, N. Y.	5
A Friend.....	28	E. Hendrickson, Brooklyn, L. I.....	15
A Friend, Glasco, N. Y.....	12	J. W. P.....	1
Rev. H. A. Raymond.....	5	A Friend, Fayetteville, N. Y.	15
A Friend.....	20	B. B. B., Boonton, N. J.....	3
Mrs. T. E. Annis, Holland, Mich.....	10	A minister's widow of the Classis of Ulster.....	20
Mrs. H. Righter, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	10	Cash.....	2
Mrs. Charlotte Ward, Rah- way, N. J.....	10	Mrs. Fannie Collier, Boonton, N. J.....	5
Rev. E. C. Scudder, M.D....	15	A Friend.....	10
Rev. John Forsyth, D.D....	25	T. Tillema, Randolph Centre, N. J.....	3
A friend of the Missionary Society's work.....	500	A Friend.....	11
A few friends, Albany, N. Y.	100	A. F. Pruyn, New York....	10
Never mind who.....	25	Simon Shindler, Elizabeth, N. J.....	50
A friend, for starving poor in India.....	10	Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, D.D.	25
A Friend.....	15	Mrs. Anna C. Kip.....	70
A friend to the Arcot Mis- sion.....	5	W. W. Kip, Esq.....	50
Rev. Wm. Brush.....	5	Faith at Work.....	3 25
Members of Ref. Church, Kingston, N. Y.....	72	Rev. W. L. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Orangeburgh, S.C.	1 50
Miss Clara Viele, Ballston, N. Y.....	5	Rev. A. M. Mann, D.D.....	5
Miss A. Greenleaf, Philadel- phia, Pa.....	500	J. A. Smith, Woodbourne, N. Y.....	2 10
Mrs. J. Skillman Terhune, Mt. Rose, N. J.....	30	Mrs. M. E. Vroom, Trenton, N. J.....	10
C. C., Pittsford, Mich.....	10	Mrs. A. M. Fox, Danube, N. Y.....	1
A Friend, Ridgewood, N. J..	5	A Friend of the cause.....	17
A. P.....	50	Mrs. F. H. J.....	50
A friend to the famine stricken	10	A friend of Foreign Missions, Owasco, N. Y.....	200
Mrs. H., Astoria, L. I.....	5	Jas. E. Hedges.....	100
Privilege.....	2 50	A Friend, Holland, Mich....	10
Rev. F. P. Beidler, Collins- ville, Ill.....	3	P. Berghuis, " ".....	2
Mrs. Quackenbush and Miss Fisher, Hackensack, N. J.	10	Prof. G. J. Kollen, Holland, Mich.....	10
J. Matilda Mygatt, Paris, France.....	100	H. W. Verbeck, Holland, Mich.....	5
		Total.....	\$3,629 50

Miscellaneous.

Elm Sabbath-school, Voorhees Station, N. J.....	\$7
Duty refunded.....	11
Interest on Security Funds.....	1,794 86
Young Ladies of Bethany Mission, N. Y. City.....	1 51
Premium on specie.....	3 65
Mission Sabbath-school, Pella, Iowa.....	1 25
Sabbath-school Certificates.....	30
From the Woman's Board.....	715
Young Ladies' Missionary Circle, New Centre, N. J.	150
Union Sabbath-school, West Ghent, N. Y.....	3 02
American Tract Society for Japan.....	100
Postage overpaid.....	90
Freedman's Mission, Orangeburgh, S. C.....	50
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	\$2,788 99
Deduct collection expenses of Classis of Holland, Wisconsin, and Grand River.....	8 53
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Total.....	\$2,780 46

Legacies.

Miss Sallie Graham, Schenectady, N. Y.....	\$14 500
Gussie Gano, Griggstown, N. J..	1 62
Mrs. W. V. V. Wendell, Brooklyn, L. I....	25
Mrs. Roxanna Childs, Utica, N. Y.....	608 84
Mary W. Slocum, N. Y. City.....	50
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Total.....	\$15,185 46

RECEIPTS FROM CLASSES.

CLASSES OF SYNOD OF New York.	CHURCH CONTRI- BUTIONS.	FROM SABBATH SCHOOLS.	FROM INDIVIDU- ALS.	TOTAL.
Hudson.....	\$981 04	\$163 11	\$30	\$1,174 15
Kingston.....	331 56	108 27	47	486 83
North Long Island.....	461 56	294 28	60	815 84
South Long Island.....	3,443 24	85 87	721 25	4,250 36
New York.....	3,668 85	284	528 89	4,481 74
Orange.....	1,147 19	31 51	115	1,293 70
Poughkeepsie.....	640 59	111 89	252 82	1,005 30
Westchester.....	473 28	150	461	1,084 28
Albany.	\$11,147 31	\$1,228 93	\$2,215 96	\$14,592 20
Albany.....	\$966 36	\$92 66	\$1,002	\$2,061 02
Cayuga.....	349 61	125 31	509 52	984 44
Geneva.....	358 96	7 83	26 50	393 29
Greene.....	155 13	17 10	25	197 23
Montgomery.....	562 11	73 13	60	695 24
Rensselaer.....	1,010 90	379 11	110 50	1,500 51
Saratoga.....	374 61	50	7	431 61
Schenectady.....	262 81	2 50	5	270 31
Schoharie.....	78 32	.....	30	108 32
Ulster.....	341 29	223 97	152	717 26
Chicago.	\$4,460 10	\$971 61	\$1,927 52	\$7,359 23
Grand River.....	392 18	\$ 41 98	\$62 50	\$496 66
Holland.....	594 03	195 06	279 01	1,068 10
Illinois.....	179 66	112	10	301 66
Michigan.....	100 14	33 12	.....	133 26
Wisconsin.....	972 42	52 40	119 76	1,144 58
New Brunswick.	\$2,238 43	\$434 56	\$471 27	\$3,144 26
Bergen.....	\$565 65	\$50	\$601 02	\$1,216 67
South Bergen.....	783 76	138 19	475 74	1,397 69
Monmouth.....	216 36	.....	198	414 36
Newark.....	1,068 63	20	1,417 41	2,506 04
New Brunswick.....	1,114 50	242 40	287	1,643 90
Paramus.....	1,147 46	405 14	213 09	1,765 69
Passaic.....	282 25	77 83	3 50	363 58
Philadelphia.....	690 16	265 28	92	1,047 44
Raritan.....	657 13	292 20	136 72	1,086 05
	\$6,525 90	\$1,491 04	\$3,424 48	\$11,441 42

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

*The Board of Foreign Missions of Reformed Church in America,
in account with GAMALIEL G. SMITH, Treasurer.*

Dr.

ARCOT MISSION.

April 30, 1877.

To cash paid drafts, &c.....	\$18,162 69	
“ paid on account of Mission.....	7,604 40	
		<hr/> \$25,767 09

AMOY MISSION.

To cash paid drafts, &c....	10,910 43	
“ paid on account of Mission.....	870 60	
		<hr/> 11,781 03

JAPAN MISSION.

To cash paid drafts, &c.....	12,234 52	
“ paid on account of Mission.....	1,757 98	
		<hr/> 13,992 50

To cash paid Cor. Secretary's salary.....	\$2,700	
“ Bookkeeper's salary.....	500	
“ Traveling expenses.....	570 75	
“ on account of the “Gospel Field”	137 20	
“ Postage, Foreign and Home.....	144 58	
“ Rent of office.....	428 92	
“ Incidental expenses.....	55 41	
“ Printing Annual Report, &c.....	560 26	
“ Care of office, &c.....	52 23	
“ Rent, P. O. box, fuel and gas, &c....	15	
“ Books and Magazines.....	79 81	
		<hr/> 5,244 16
“ Notes and loans.....	10,600	
“ Interest on loans, &c.....	2,043 94	
		<hr/> 12,643 94
“ Balance in Treasury.....	1,238 70	
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E. & O. E.		\$70,667 42
Loss by exchange.....		<hr/> \$3,269 44

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May 1, 1876.

By cash balance in Treasury last report..... \$1,514 89

April 30, 1877.

By cash received from Churches.....	\$24,436 74
“ “ Sunday-schools.....	4,121 14
“ “ Individuals through Churches,	7,999 23
“ “ “ not through Churches,	3,629 50
“ “ Legacies.....	15,185 46
“ “ Miscellaneous sources.....	2,780 46
	<hr/> 58,152 53
“ borrowed from Banks, &c.....	11,000
	<hr/> \$70,667 42

GAMALIEL G. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

New York, April 30th, 1877.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and have compared it with the vouchers and find the same correct, showing a balance due the Board of twelve hundred and thirty-eight dollars and seventy cents.

JAMES A. WILLIAMSON, }
D. JACKSON STEWARD. { *Committee.*

New York, May 13, 1877.

THE
TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Board of Publication

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PRESENTED TO THE
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JUNE, 1877.



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REPORT

OF THE

Board of Publication.

THE Board of Publication has the pleasure of submitting to General Synod its Twenty-third Annual Report, which, in accordance with the wishes of Synod is brief, and confined to the relation of facts.

DEPOSITORY.

Two years ago, the Board was instructed to consider the matter of its change of location, with a view to secure a larger amount of business. After due deliberation it was found impracticable, and for the present it has been decided expedient to remain for another year. That we did not miscalculate is apparent from our increase of business during the last year.

SALES.

Notwithstanding the unprecedented dull times, seriously affecting every branch of business, and so adverse to the book trade in particular, our sales have been so much in advance of those of last year, we feel measurably confident that there is much in store for us when business revives. We have our arrangement now so complete for the accommodation of those who may favor us with their patronage, that clergymen and laymen can have their wishes fully met in regard to any book, American or Foreign, at the regular discount prices, and at the shortest possible notice. May we not then ask the Synod to recommend to all our Churches the sustentation of its own Board as a duty to the denomination, no less than as a facility excelled by no other for their accommodation as aforesaid? We surely may ask our Churches to stand by us and not to deal with strangers, when they can be as easily, as readily,

and as cheaply served as by any other agency of a similar kind in this City of New York or elsewhere. We need their support, and promise to make it their interest to give it.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

In the issue of new works, we have been, like others, compelled to be cautious, since no branch of business is more readily affected by the stringency of the times than the book trade. We have Mss. on hand and would gladly publish them, were it not that there is a moral certainty that just now the sales would be too slow for adequate returns. We have therefore determined to consult the best interests of the Board by economy in this matter.

The Constitution of the Reformed Church, in German, a new edition revised and corrected, is now going through the press.

A set of plates, and twenty-five hundred copies of an eight page tract entitled, "A charge to those joining the Church," have been presented to your Board by our good friend, Elder Samuel B. Schieffelin. Deficiency of means has prevented us from issuing other publications we are desirous of publishing, especially for the benefit of Sunday Schools.

THE SOWER AND GOSPEL FIELD.

The Gospel Sower, which was published last year as a weekly was well received, and it is believed did a good work ; but, as it was found expedient to discontinue the partnership formed with the Southern Presbyterian Church in its issue, the contingency contemplated by General Synod having arisen, we therefore returned to the old name and issue, by making it as heretofore, a semi-monthly. The circulation of the Sower and Gospel Field is now about 4,000 copies.

DONATIONS.

Very few requests have been made upon us in the matter of donations. The following have been aided :

Reformed Church S. S., of Little Falls, N. J. ; Free Reformed Church S. S., of Jersey City, N. J. ; Long Island City S. S. ; Wm S. Plumer, D.D. ; Wallkill Reformed Church S. S. ; Magdalen Society, of New York ; Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, N. J.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

These from the Churches, Sunday-schools, and individuals, have been few in number and small in amount with a few exceptions.

We can readily believe that adverse circumstances have the credit of this, and not the indifference of friends ; yet such is the fact, and Synod will see that so long as it is a fact, our means of operation must continue very limited. Since the spirit of the age and the policy of all church organizations have given to the press enlarged and enlarging power to extend all enterprises, religious and secular, we ought to see that your Board of Publication may easily be made to do for our denomination, what similar Boards are doing for others. In order to realize this advantage, unity of sentiment, harmony of good feeling, and concert of action are requisite, and *all that* is needed to place your Board in a better position than it has yet had the happiness to enjoy. Hoping that the Synod will have the goodness to impress this matter upon the attention of the Churches as an absolute necessity to the best interests of the denomination, your Board confidently commends itself to your fostering care and to the patronage of all your Churches.

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Receipts for Gospel Sower.	1,828.83
" " Children's Friend	327.70
" " Lesson Leaves, 1877.....	534.05
" " " " 1876.....	216.22

DONATIONS.

Books and Tracts.....	\$169.01
To Life Members.....	50.40
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	219.41
Gospel Sower Deficiency for year 1876.....	1,062.31
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	\$1,281.72

ASSETS.

Stock on Hand.....	\$12,684.17
Store Fixtures and Furniture.....	819.00
Stereotype Plates.....	5,000.00
Wood Cuts and Electrotypes.....	500.00
Book Accounts.....	1,828.86
Gospel Sower, balance due by Southern Presbyterian Board.....	531.15
Balance in Treasury, Cash.....	\$194.45
" " " Bills Receivable.....	400.00
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	594.45
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	\$21,957.63

LIABILITIES.

Funded Debt.....	\$5,468.72
Bills Payable.....	7,495.40
Due Book Dealers, etc.....	2,778.93
“ on Sower and Gospel Field.....	600.62
“ “ Lesson Leaves.....	380.00
“ Subscribers on Papers to May 1, 1877.....	431.42
	<u>\$17,155.09</u>
Excess of Assets, above Liabilities.....	\$4,802.54

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RICHARD BRINKERHOFF,

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING, MAY 1, 1877.

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RECEIPTS.

To Bills Receivable in Treasury May 1st, 1876.....	\$400.00
“ Cash “ “ “ “ “	411.32
“ “ Received from Depository.....	13,795.21
“ “ “ “ Churches.....	2,569.63
“ “ “ “ Bills Receivable.....	153.09
“ “ “ “ “ Payable.....	1,926.60
“ “ “ “ Expenses (Boards).....	8.25
“ “ “ “ Exchanges.....	486.98
“ “ “ “ Gospel Sower (1876).....	1,828.83
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“ “ “ “ Bills Payable.....	10,785.09
“ “ “ “ Expenses.....	5,500.28
“ “ “ “ Printing.....	457.10
“ “ “ “ Bills Receivable	100.00
“ “ “ “ Binding.....	160.00
“ “ “ “ Children's Friend.....	14
“ “ “ “ Classis, L. I.....	25.00
“ “ “ “ Gospel Sower.....	2,072.92
“ “ “ “ Sower and Gospel Field.....	409.84
“ “ “ “ Lesson Leaves (1877).....	55.43
“ “ “ “ Exchanges.....	486.98
Bills Receivable in Treasury.....	400.00
Cash “ “ “	194.45
	<u>\$24,239.25</u>

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G. VAN NOSTRAND,

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Salaries and Wages.....	\$3,136.06
Postage Stamps.....	178.79
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Rent	1,304.49
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